

ACTION COMICS

Featuring
**"The SUPER-
PRISONER
of AMAZON
ISLAND!"**

CAN'T BURST
THESE CHAINS--
THEY'RE COATED
WITH
KRYPTONITE!

THIS STRANGER WHO CALLS
HIMSELF *SUPERMAN* HAS
MIGHTY POWERS. WHOEVER
BIDS THE HIGHEST WILL OWN
HIM FOR A SLAVE!



The TRICK is to TREAT All The World's Children!



SAY, ALLERGY, AREN'T YOU JUMPING THE GUN ON HALLOWEEN? IT'S STILL TWO DAYS OFF, AND WHY ALL THE GLOOM?

AW, WE WERE JUST TRYING ON OUR COSTUMES. BUT ALL THE PARENTS HAVE GANGED UP AND SAY WE CAN'T GO OUT. THEY SAY WE'LL GET IN TROUBLE.



WELL, HERE'S SOMETHING I THINK MIGHT CHANGE THEIR MINDS. HERE, READ ALL ABOUT IT!



THAT NIGHT...

SEE, DAD THIS IS A GOOD THING. THE TRICK-OR-TREAT PENNIES, NICKELS AND DIMES WE COLLECT GO TO HELP SICK, HUNGRY KIDS ALL OVER THE WORLD. AREN'T YOU GOING TO CHANGE YOUR MIND?

WELL, I MIGHT... WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO, BINKY?



OH, MY CROWD'S HELPING WITH THIS, TOO-- MAKING POSTERS. HERE'S MY FIRST ONE.

WHAT YOUR TRICK OR TREAT MONEY WILL BUY

- 1¢-VACCINE TO PROTECT A CHILD AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS
- 5¢-PENICILLIN TO CURE A CHILD OF YAWS, A CRIPPLING TROPICAL DISEASE.
- 10¢-50 GLASSES OF MILK



AND SO, ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT...

TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF!

WITH PLEASURE!



LATER...

SOME PARTY THEY'RE GIVING US!

YOU DESERVE IT. YOU KIDS HAVE DONE A WONDERFUL JOB TONIGHT FOR UNICEF--THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND!

OUR KIDS HAVE DONE IT AGAIN



SUPERMAN

FASTER THAN A JET PLANE...
ABLE TO LEAP THE HIGHEST
MOUNTAIN... INVULNERABLE TO
FLAME AND BULLETS-- THAT'S
SUPERMAN, MIGHTIEST
HUMAN BEING IN ALL THE
WORLD. BUT NOW, MADE
HELPLESS BY **KRYPTONITE**,
THE ONE SUBSTANCE THAT CAN
DESTROY HIM, THE **MAN OF
STEEL** FINDS HIMSELF...

THE SUPER- PRISONER OF AMAZON ISLAND

THE AUCTION WILL
BE HELD SOON! I--I
WONDER WHICH GIRL WILL
BID THE HIGHEST TO
OWN ME AS A
SLAVE

MY JEWELS
WILL BUY
THAT SUPER
SLAVE!

I'LL BID
ALL THIS
GOLD!

I'LL BID
\$100,000!

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IN METROPOLIS ONE DAY, AN IMPORTANT DATE COMES UP FOR LOIS LANE, STAR REPORTER FOR THE DAILY PLANET...

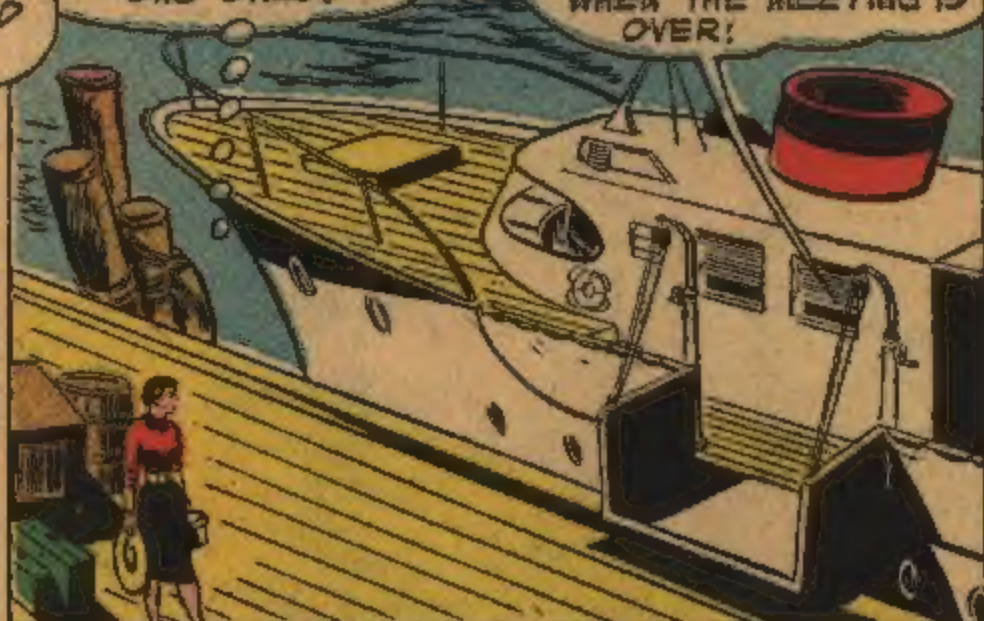
TODAY IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPER SORORITY... A CLUB FORMED BY GIRLS IN HONOR OF SUPERMAN! I'M THE CHAIRMAN!



LATER, AT THE DOCKS...

ONE OF THE GIRLS INVITED US TO HOLD THE MEETING IN THIS CABIN CRUISER SHE OWNS!

COME ABOARD, LOIS! THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE HERE! I'LL TAKE YOU ALL ON A WEEK-END CRUISE WHEN THE MEETING IS OVER!

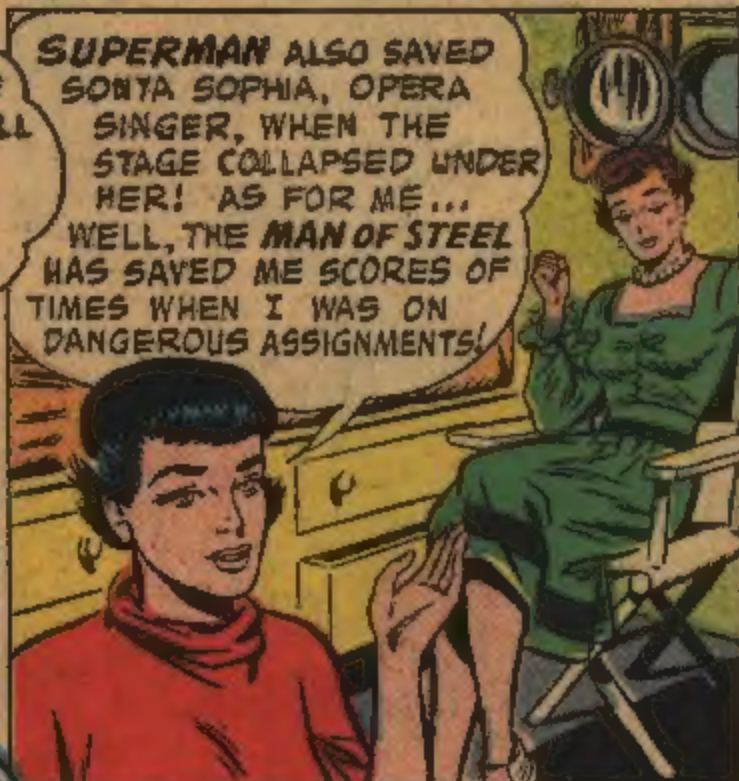


PRESENTLY, THE MEETING STARTS...

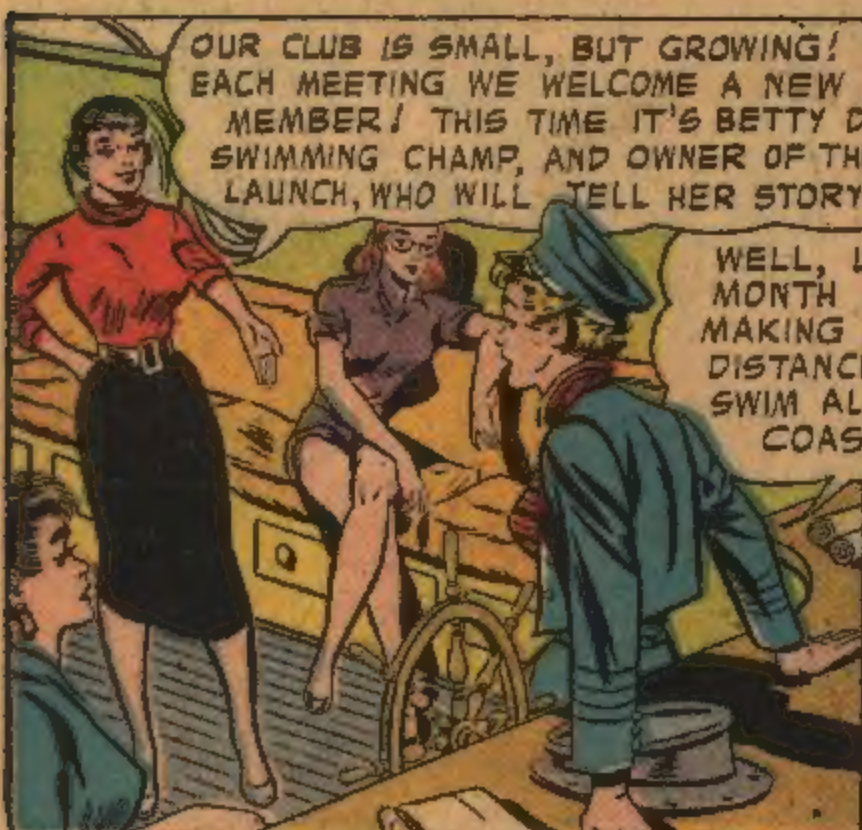
WE GIRLS OF THE SUPER SORORITY HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON; WE WERE ALL SAVED BY SUPERMAN! TAKING ROLL CALL, THERE'S DR. EDNA BLAINE, SCIENTIST... WHO WAS RESCUED WHEN HER LAB BURNED DOWN! AND JULIA JOHNS, ANIMAL TRAINER, WAS SAVED FROM THE FANGS OF A TIGER!



SUPERMAN ALSO SAVED SONYA SOPHIA, OPERA SINGER, WHEN THE STAGE COLLAPSED UNDER HER! AS FOR ME... WELL, THE MAN OF STEEL HAS SAVED ME SCORES OF TIMES WHEN I WAS ON DANGEROUS ASSIGNMENTS!



OUR CLUB IS SMALL, BUT GROWING! EACH MEETING WE WELCOME A NEW MEMBER! THIS TIME IT'S BETTY DUNN, SWIMMING CHAMP, AND OWNER OF THIS LAUNCH, WHO WILL TELL HER STORY!

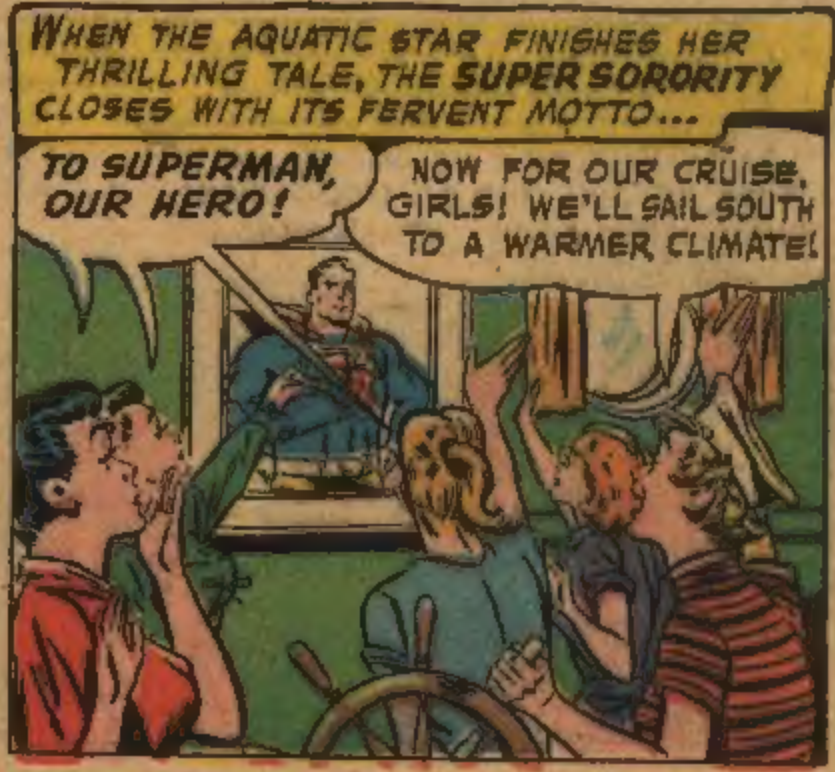
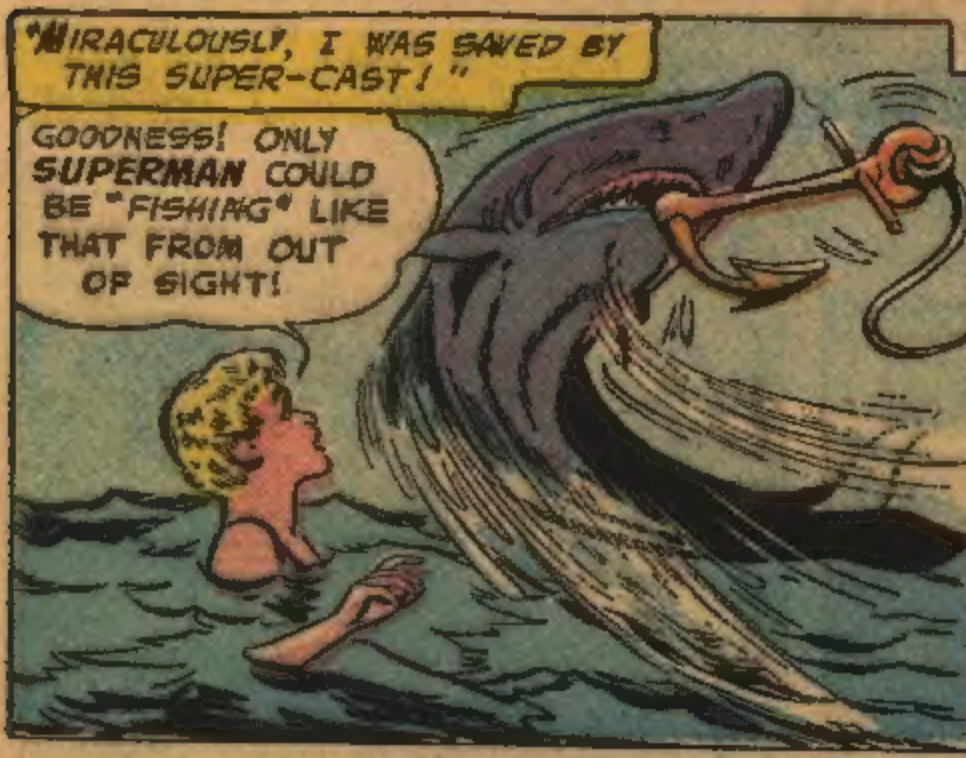


WELL, LAST MONTH I WAS MAKING A LONG-DISTANCE PRACTICE SWIM ALONG THE COAST...

...WHEN SUDDENLY, DANGER FACED ME!

HEAVENS! A HUGE SHARK COMING FOR ME... **HELP!**







LATER, AS THE STORM PASSES ON
AFTER WASHING THEM ASHORE...

WE'RE MAROONED HERE, GIRLS!
AND GOODNESS!... THIS IS AN UNKNOWN
ISLAND, NOT EVEN CHARTED! CAN YOU
FIX THE RADIO, EDNA?

IF I CAN'T,
I'M NO GIRL
SCIENTIST!



PRESENTLY...

S.O.S. I CALLING
SUPERMAN...
S.O.S. ... S.O.S. ...

SHE GOT THE
RADIO WORKING!
WELL, IT... ER...
LOOKS AS IF THE
WHOLE SUPER
SORORITY IS GOING
TO BE SAVED BY
SUPERMAN...
AGAIN!



BUT MEANWHILE, NATIVES OF THE ISLAND
COME UPON THE CASTAWAY GIRLS...

LOOK... NATIVES LIVE HERE... BUT
THEY'RE ALL GIRLS! GOODNESS!
THEY LOOK LIKE THE LEGENDARY
AMAZONS!

YES, I AM ELSHA,
QUEEN OF THE
AMAZONS!



YOU ARE THE FIRST
VISITORS IN MANY
MOONS TO THE LAND
WITHOUT MEN!

YOU MEAN
YOU KEEP
MEN OUT?
WHY?



BAH! WE DESPISE MEN!
THEY ARE ALL WEAKLINGS
COMPARED TO US! NO PUNY
MAN IS AS STRONG
AS I AM!

OH, SISTER!
ARE YOU
GOING TO EAT
YOUR WORDS WHEN
SUPERMAN
COMES!

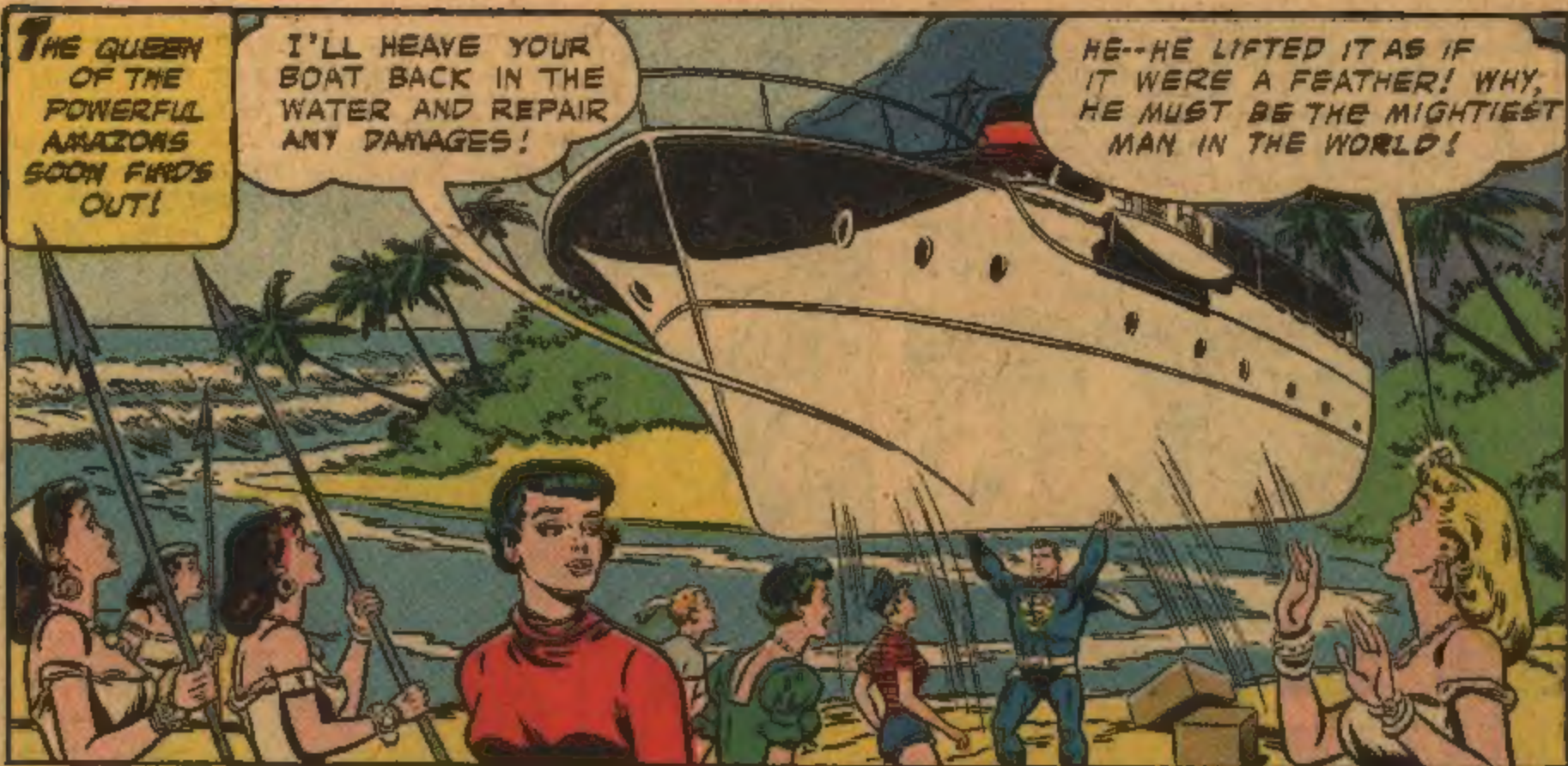


AND WHEN THE MAN OF STEEL ARRIVES...

MAY I PRESENT **SUPERMAN**,
QUEEN ELSHA? HE CAME
THOUSANDS OF MILES
IN A FEW SECONDS!

GREAT PALMS!
HE--HE FLIES
LIKE AN EAGLE!
WHAT MANNER OF
MAN IS THIS?





THE QUEEN OF THE POWERFUL AMAZONS SOON FINDS OUT!

I'LL HEAVE YOUR BOAT BACK IN THE WATER AND REPAIR ANY DAMAGES!

HE--HE LIFTED IT AS IF IT WERE A FEATHER! WHY, HE MUST BE THE MIGHTIEST MAN IN THE WORLD!

AND ANOTHER THOUGHT STEALS INTO THE QUEEN'S MIND!

HE BENDS STEEL AS IF IT WERE MERE RUBBER! AT LAST I HAVE DISCOVERED A MAN WORTHY TO BE MY HUSBAND. I MUST NOT LET HIM LEAVE! AH, I WILL INVOKE OUR TRIBAL LAW...

WHEN THE REPAIRS ARE DONE...

WAIT, YOU CANNOT DEPART! AMAZON LAW DECREES THAT ANY MAN WHO TRESPASSES ON OUR ISLAND MUST BECOME A SLAVE! MY GIRL GUARDS ARE BRINGING CHAINS!

NO CHAINS CAN HOLD ME... HA, HA!



BUT LOIS YELLS A WARNING AS THE CHAINS ARE BROUGHT...

THAT METAL HAS A GREENISH GLOW! GOODNESS... THE CHAINS WERE MADE FROM A KRYPTONITE METEOR THEY FOUND! LOOK OUT, SUPERMAN!

READY TO FLEE, SUPERMAN PAUSES AT AN AMAZING PHENOMENON!

WAIT... WHENEVER KRYPTONITE IS BROUGHT CLOSE TO ME, IT ROBS ME OF MY SUPER-STRENGTH... BUT THIS TIME THE KRYPTONITE HAS NO EFFECT ON ME AT ALL!





HOW CAN SUPERMAN SUDDENLY BE IMMUNE TO THE DEADLY SUBSTANCE...

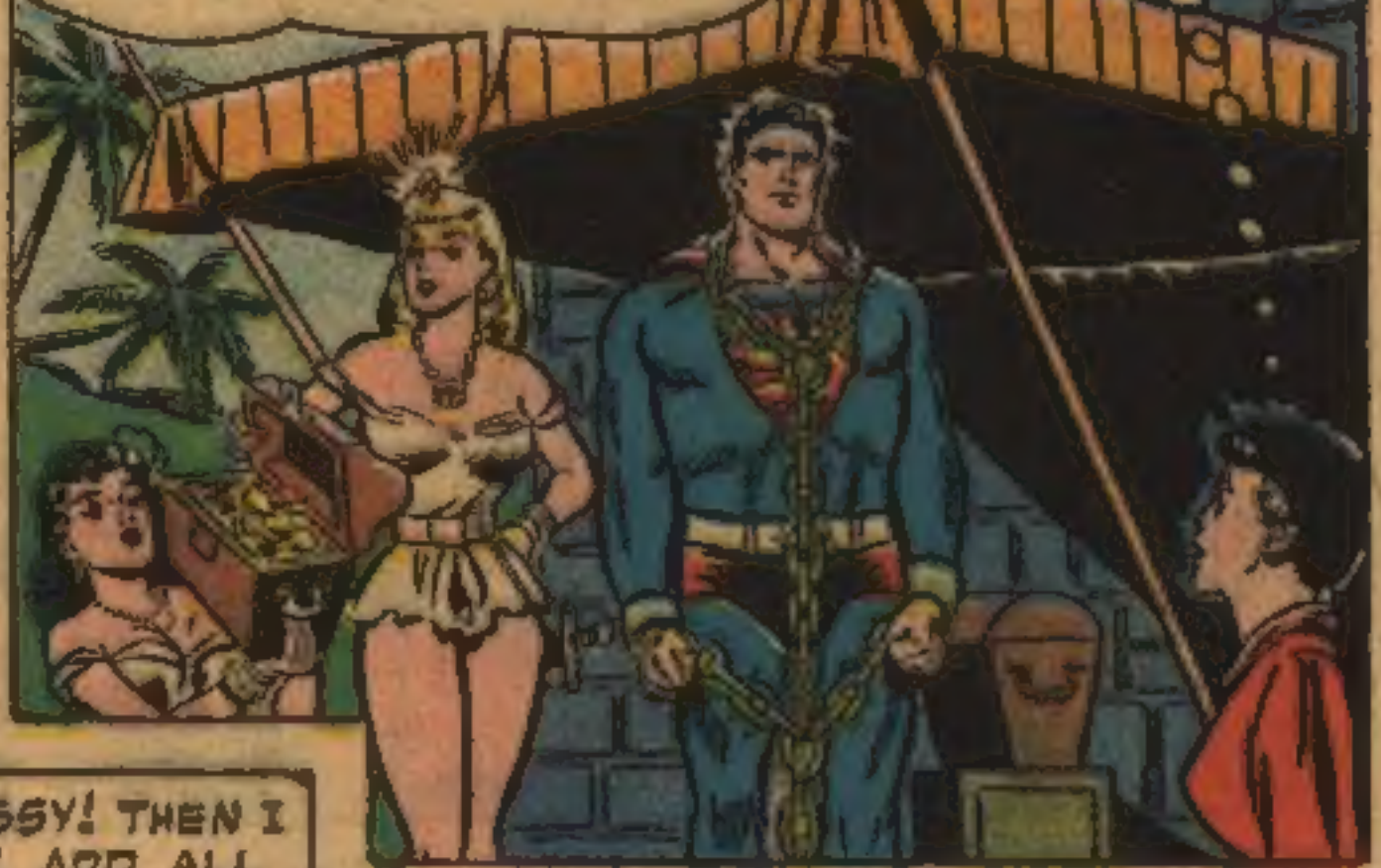
GREAT SCOTT! THAT MEANS THERE IS SOME **KRYPTONITE ANTIDOTE** ON THIS ISLAND! I MUST STAY AND FIND IT! I'LL PRETEND WEAKNESS AND LET THE QUEEN TAKE ME PRISONER!



SOON, AT THEIR VILLAGE, FOLLOWING TRIBAL LAW...

THE AUCTION OF THE SUPER SLAVE IS NOW OPEN! I OFFER ALL MY ROYAL GOLD!

SHE WON'T GET HIM THAT CHEAP!



LOIS LANE ENTERS THE BIDDING...

I BID \$200,000... WHICH **SUPERMAN'S** MANY FRIENDS BACK IN AMERICA WILL GLADLY PAY FOR HIS RELEASE!

HUSSY! THEN I WILL ADD ALL MY ROYAL JEWELRY TO MY ORIGINAL BID!



HMM...THESE TRINKETS AREN'T WORTH MORE THAN \$500,000! I BID ONE **MILLION DOLLARS** FOR **SUPERMAN!** BEAT THAT IF YOU CAN, QUEENIE!

I-- I CANNOT!



CUNNINGLY, THE QUEEN OF THE AMAZONS CHANGES TACTICS!

I WILL WIN **SUPERMAN** ANOTHER WAY!

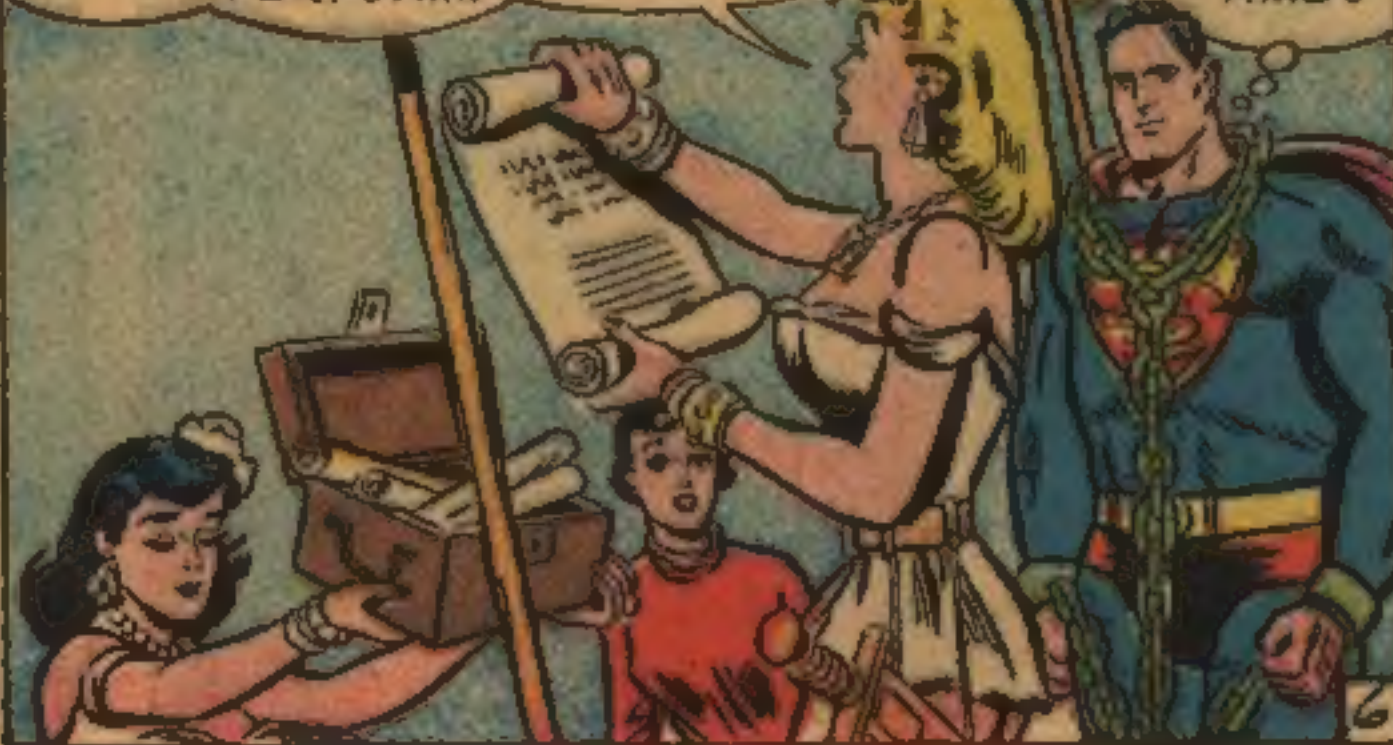
THEN **SUPERMAN** GOES FREE?

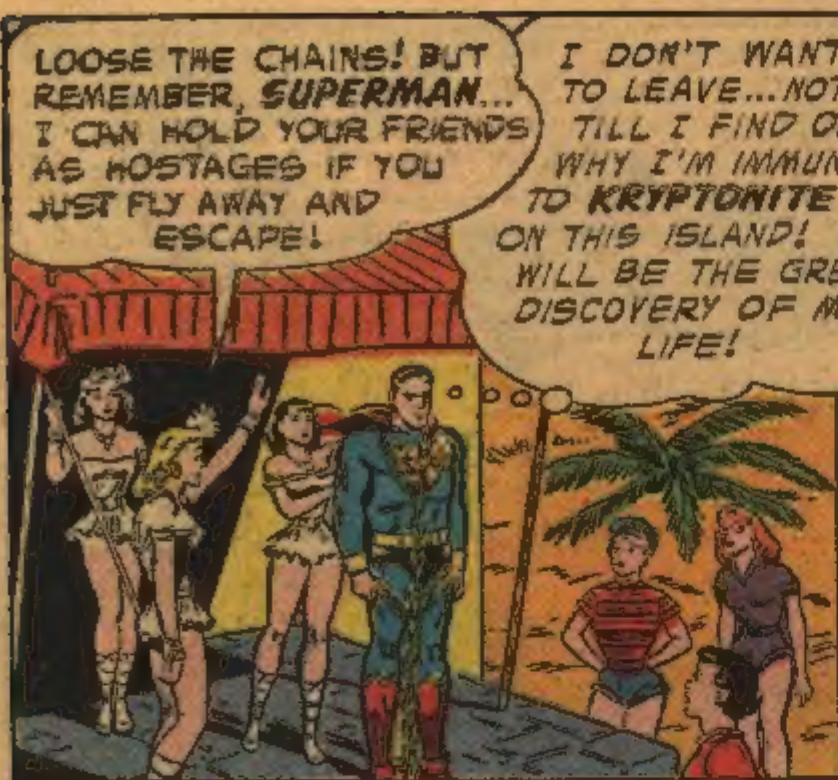
BEHOLD! SLAVERY IS CRUEL. I WILL TEAR UP THE WRITTEN LAW AND END ALL SLAVE AUCTIONS!



NO! ANOTHER AMAZON LAW MUST BE FULFILLED NOW! HEAR THIS: SHOULD A MAN BE CAUGHT TRESPASSING ON AMAZON ISLAND, HE MUST MARRY THE FIRST MEMBER OF OUR TRIBE WHO GIVES HIM A TASK HE IS UNABLE TO PERFORM!

(ULPS!) I'M GETTING IN DEEPER ALL THE TIME!





LOOSE THE CHAINS! BUT REMEMBER, **SUPERMAN**... I CAN HOLD YOUR FRIENDS AS HOSTAGES IF YOU JUST FLY AWAY AND ESCAPE!

I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE...NOT TILL I FIND OUT WHY I'M IMMUNE TO **KRYPTONITE** ON THIS ISLAND! IT WILL BE THE GREATEST DISCOVERY OF MY LIFE!



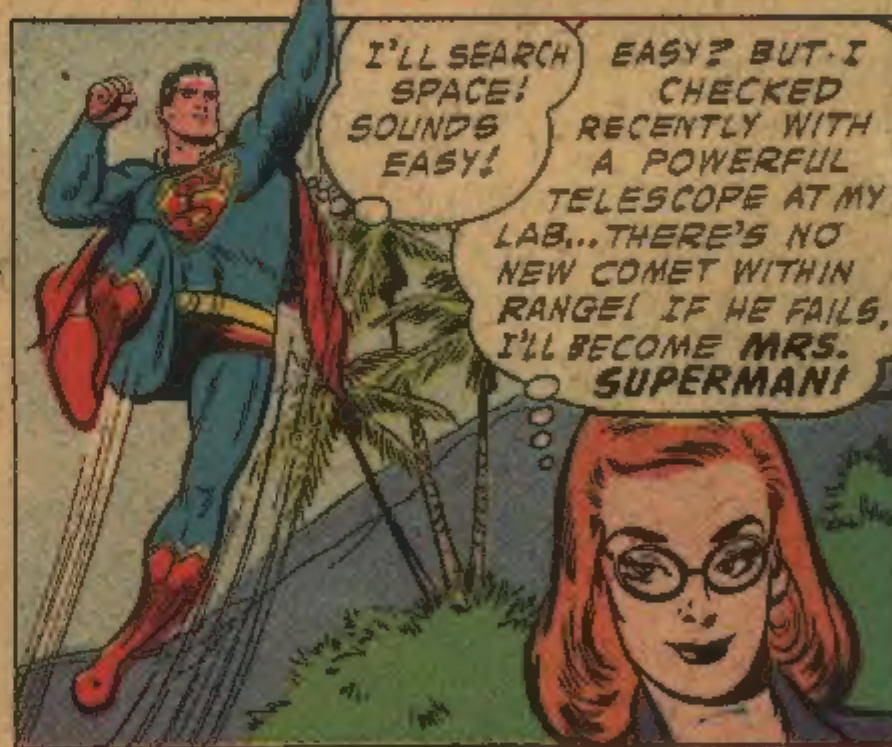
NOW WE WILL DRAW LOTS TO SEE WHO HAS THE FIRST CHANCE TO WIN **SUPERMAN** IN MATRIMONY!

I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES THAT I CAN FULFILL ANY TASKS THE GIRLS THINK UP AND AVOID THE...ER...PENALTY!



DR. BLAINE, THE SCIENTIST, IS FIRST! WHAT TASK DO YOU WANT **SUPERMAN** TO PERFORM?

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A NEW COMET NAMED AFTER ME! I ORDER **SUPERMAN** TO FIND ME ONE!



I'LL SEARCH SPACE! SOUNDS EASY!

EASY? BUT I CHECKED RECENTLY WITH A POWERFUL TELESCOPE AT MY LAB...THERE'S NO NEW COMET WITHIN RANGE! IF HE FAILS, I'LL BECOME **MRS. SUPERMAN**!



AND AFTER **SUPERMAN** SEARCHES BILLIONS OF MILES IN SPACE...

NOT A COMET IN SIGHT! WILL I HAVE TO MARRY THAT GIRL SCIENTIST?... (GULP!)

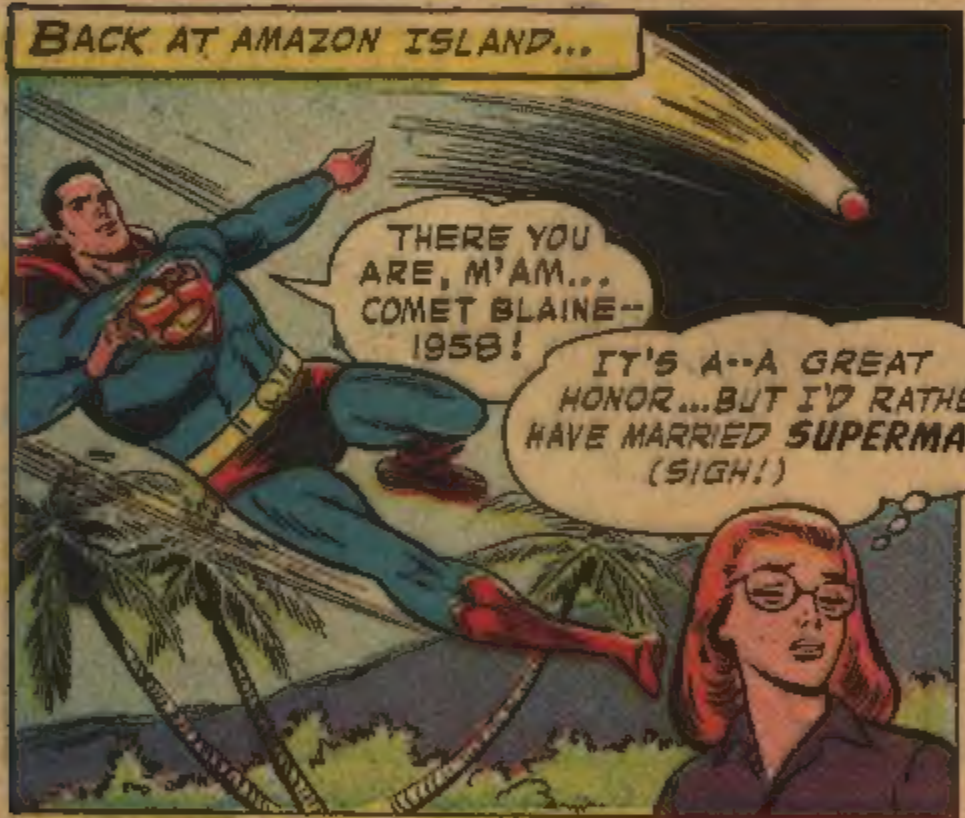


WAIT... IF I CAN'T FIND A METEOR, I'LL MAKE ONE! I'LL USE THESE METEORS TO FORM A LARGE COMET'S HEAD!



CREATING THE LONG BRILLIANT TAIL OF A COMET IS ALSO CHILD'S PLAY FOR THE MAN OF STEEL...

THE HEAT OF MY X-RAYS TURNED IT RED-HOT, CAUSING HOT SPARKS TO STREAM OUT BEHIND FOR MILLIONS OF MILES!



BACK AT AMAZON ISLAND...

THERE YOU ARE, M'AM... COMET BLAINE-- 1958!

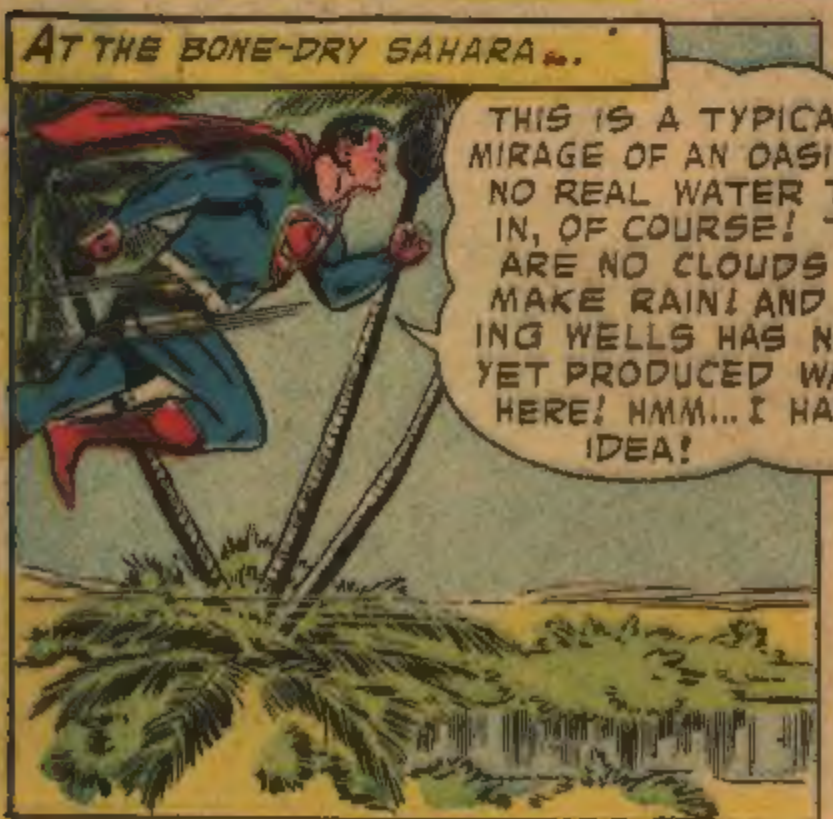
IT'S A--A GREAT HONOR...BUT I'D RATHER HAVE MARRIED SUPERMAN! (SIGH!)



BUT THE SECOND GIRL, THE SWIMMING CHAMP, HAS HAD TIME TO THINK UP AN EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TASK!

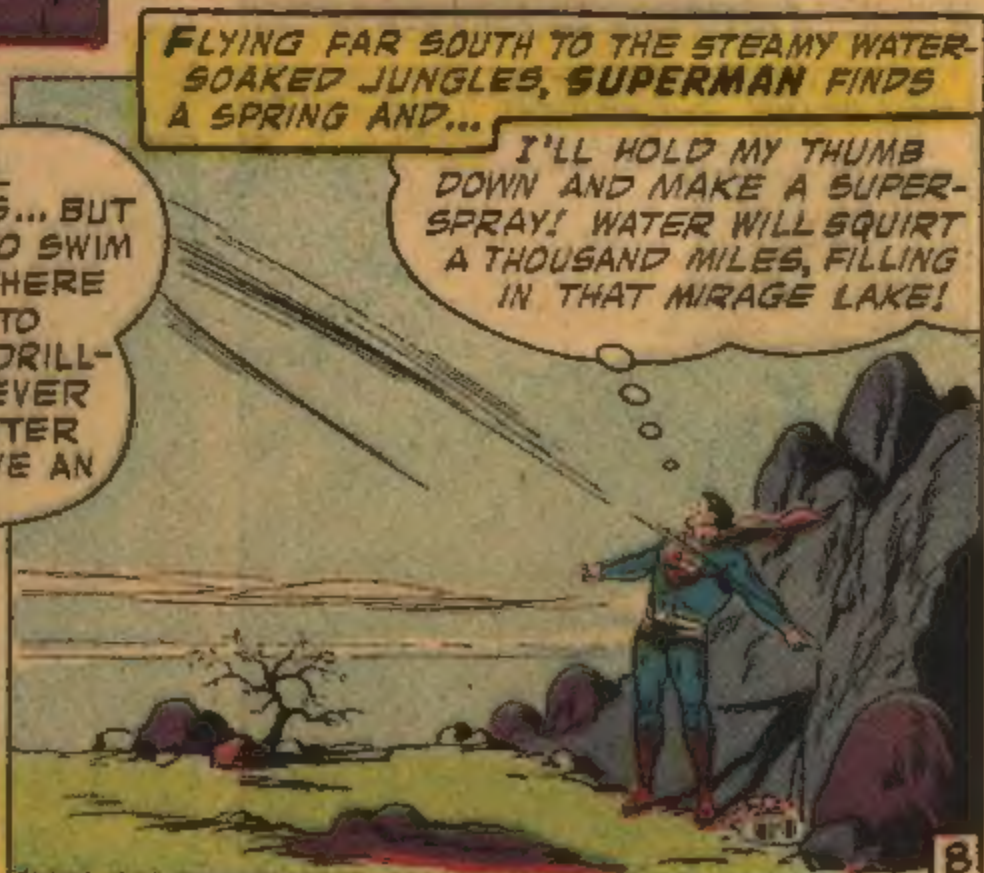
I ORDER **SUPERMAN** TO FLY TO THE **SAHARA DESERT** AND COME BACK DRIPPING WET FROM A SWIM IN A **MIRAGE LAKE!**

GREAT SCOTT! HOW CAN I GET WET IN A MIRAGE LAKE... WHICH IS ONLY AN ILLUSION?



AT THE BONE-DRY SAHARA...

THIS IS A TYPICAL MIRAGE OF AN OASIS... BUT NO REAL WATER TO SWIM IN, OF COURSE! THERE ARE NO CLOUDS TO MAKE RAIN! AND DRILLING WELLS HAS NEVER YET PRODUCED WATER HERE! HMM... I HAVE AN IDEA!

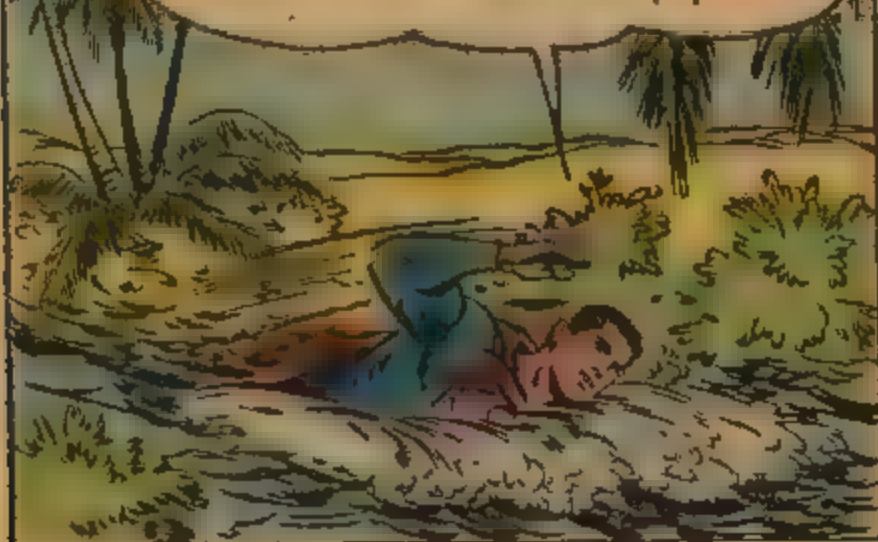


FLYING FAR SOUTH TO THE STEAMY WATER-SOAKED JUNGLES, SUPERMAN FINDS A SPRING AND...

I'LL HOLD MY THUMB DOWN AND MAKE A SUPER-SPRAY! WATER WILL SQUIRT A THOUSAND MILES, FILLING IN THAT MIRAGE LAKE!

SHORTLY, RETURNING TO THE MIRAGE...

MY SUPER-SPRAY FORMED A REAL LAKE IN THE OASIS MIRAGE! NOW I CAN RETURN DRIPPING WET, AS BETTY DUNN REQUESTED!



AT AMAZON ISLAND, QUEEN ELSHA GLOATS AS THE OTHER GIRLS MEET DISAPPOINTMENT, ONE BY ONE...

I LOST OUT BEING **SUPERMAN'S** WIFE... (CHOKE!)

HA! THEY'LL ALL LOSE! BUT I HAVE A TASK THAT WILL BE BEYOND THE SCOPE OF EVEN HIS SUPER-POWERS! MY TURN IS LAST... BUT I'LL WIN FOR SURE!



MEANWHILE, SUPERMAN CONTINUES TO STAY FOR HIS OWN SECRET REASONS...

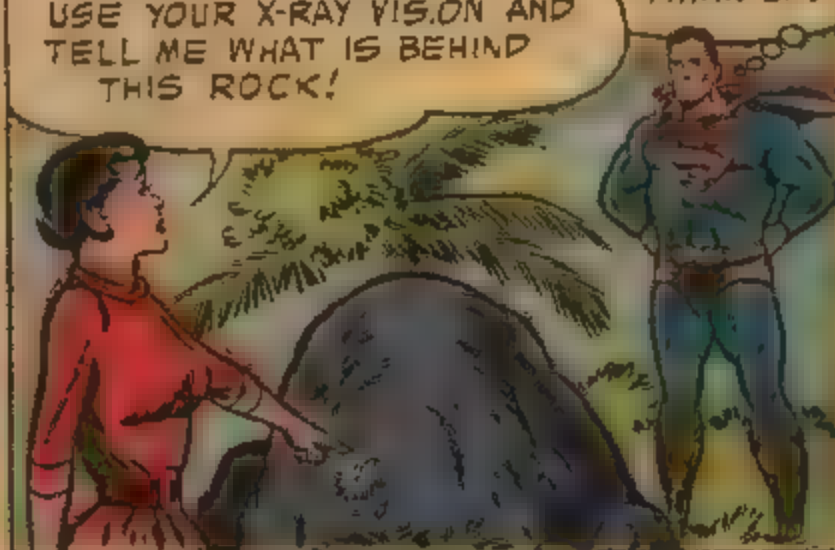
AFTER I FULFILL THIS AMAZON LAW, I CAN SEARCH FOR THE **KRYPTONITE** ANTIDOTE! OH-OH! IT'S LOIS LANE'S TURN NOW! SHE ALWAYS WANTED TO MARRY ME! WHATEVER SHE COOKED UP IS GOING TO BE **SUPER TOUGH!**



BUT AMAZINGLY...

I--I WOULDN'T WANT TO WIN YOU LIKE A COMMON "LOTTERY PRIZE," **SUPERMAN!** JUST USE YOUR X-RAY VISION AND TELL ME WHAT IS BEHIND THIS ROCK!

LOIS PICKED THE **EASIEST** TASK SHE COULD THINK OF!



BUT AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT...

OMIGOSH! THAT STONE HAPPENS TO BE **LEAD** ORE, WHICH STOPS MY X-RAYS! I--I CAN'T SEE A THING BEHIND IT! I... UH... GUESS YOU WIN, LOIS!

NO... NO! I JUST WON'T HAVE YOU THIS WAY!



WAIT... I HAVE IT! I'LL PULL OUT THE FLOWER, MAKING **SUPERMAN** RIGHT. NOW THERE'S NOT A THING BEHIND THE ROCK, JUST AS HE SAID!

GOSH, IT'S SWEET OF LOIS TO "COVER" ME, THAT WAY. BUT SHE GAVE UP HER ONLY CHANCE TO MARRY ME!

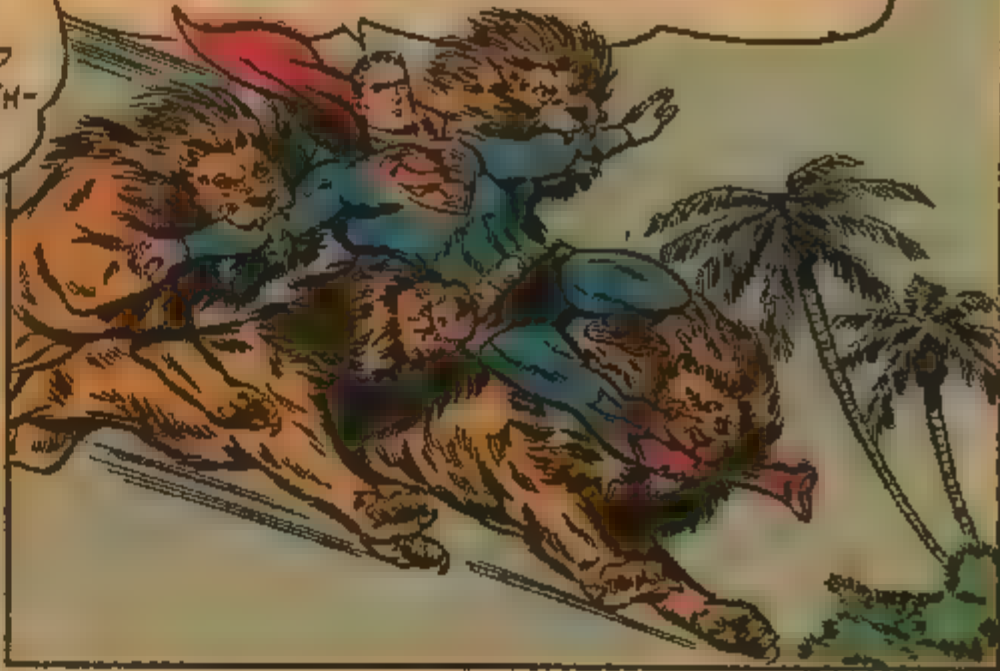
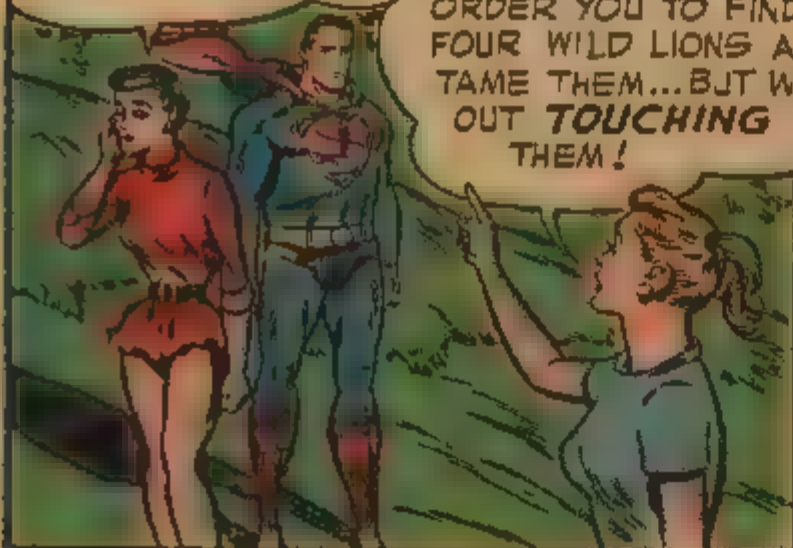


MY TASK IS FULFILLED!
I HOPE TO MARRY
SUPERMAN SOME
DAY... WHEN HE
WANTS ME...(SOB!)

MY TURN, AND I'M
NOT GOING TO BE
"NOBLE" LIKE LOIS!
I'LL WIN YOU IF I
CAN, **SUPERMAN**! I
ORDER YOU TO FIND
FOUR WILD LIONS AND
TAME THEM... BUT WITH-
OUT **TOUCHING**
THEM!

AFTER A SWIFT FLIGHT TO NEARBY JUNGLES...

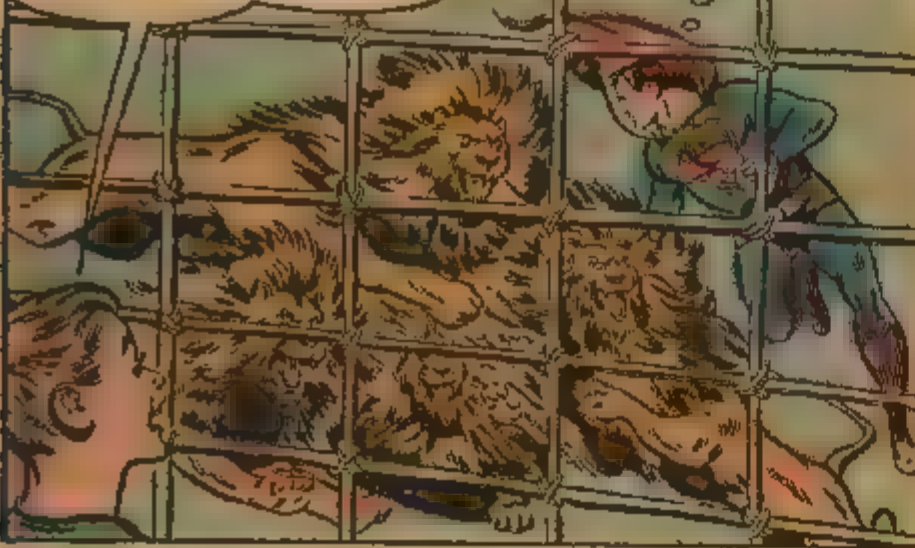
I FOUND FOUR FEROCIOUS LIONS, ALL RIGHT.
NOW TO BRING THEM DOWN TO EARTH INSIDE
THE **AMAZON ARENA**!



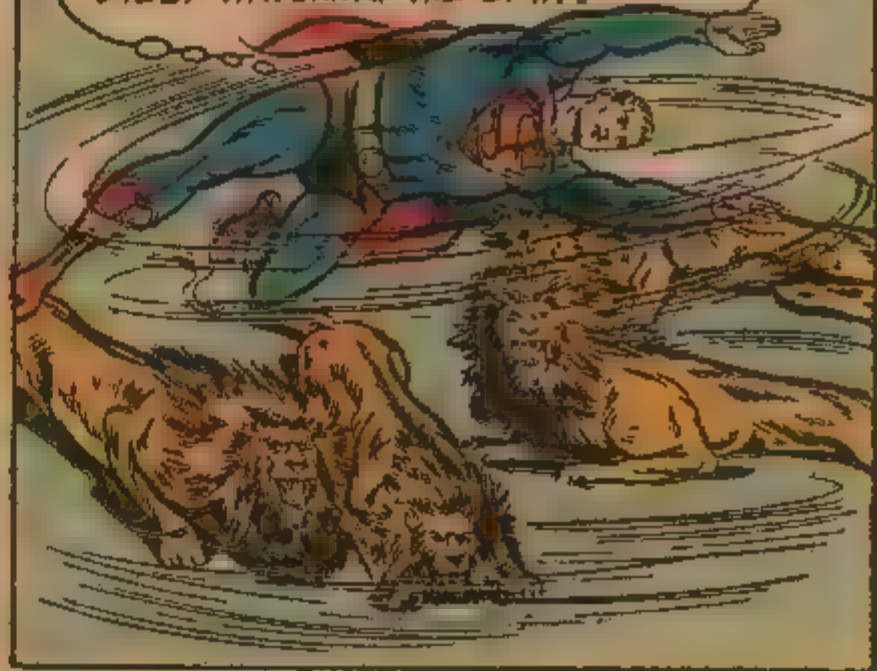
SHAKING OFF THE WILD BEASTS,
SUPERMAN FACES HIS SEEMINGLY
IMPOSSIBLE TASK!

LET'S SEE YOU TAME THEM
NOW, **SUPERMAN**! BUT REMEMBER,
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO TOUCH
THEM! HA, HA!

HMM...
ONLY ONE
POSSIBILITY!



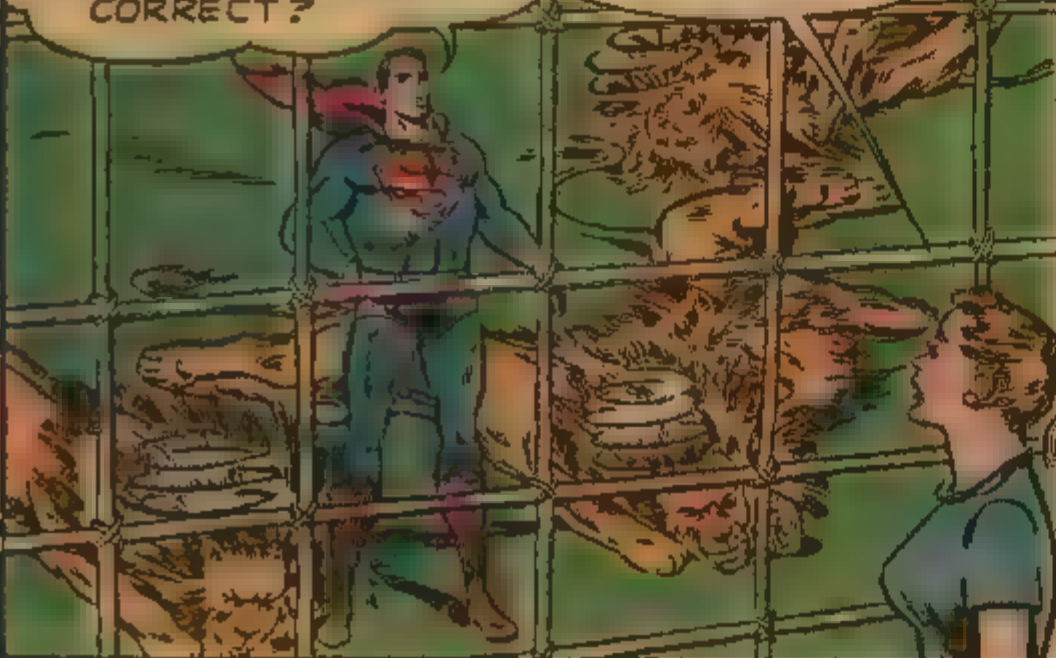
IF I WHIRL AROUND AT SUPER-
SPEED, THE LIONS WILL GET
DIZZY WATCHING ME SPIN!



MOMENTS LATER...

IF A LION DOESN'T SNAP
AT YOU, HE'S "TAME"...
CORRECT?

YOU WIN,
SUPERMAN! I'M
DISQUALIFIED!



NEXT CONTESTANT IN THE "**SUPERMAN**
SWEEPSTAKES" IS **SONYA SOPHIA**, THE
OPERA SINGER...

I ORDER YOU TO
MAKE MY VOICE
IMMORTAL, SUPERMAN!
I WANT PEOPLE TO BE
ABLE TO HEAR ME SING
AN ARIA--NOT A RECORDING
OF IT--BEYOND MY LIFETIME!

HMM...SHE
MAY THINK
SHE'S
STUMPED
ME, BUT
I HAVE
AN IDEA!

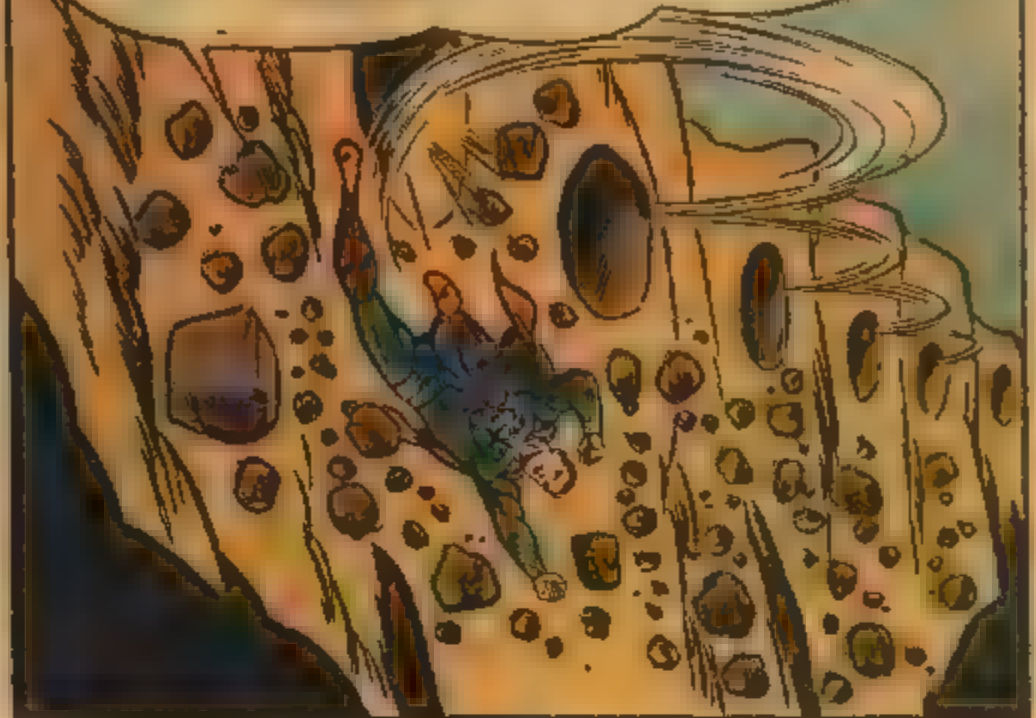


**WHAT SUPER-INSPIRATION STRIKES SUPERMAN?**

“HMM... AN ORDINARY ECHO BOUNCES BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THESE CLIFFS, BUT DIES OUT AFTER A WHILE!”



BUT IF I GRIND OUT SCORES OF CUP-SHAPED HOLLOWS, WHICH WILL CATCH AND MAGNIFY SOUND, I CAN CONVERT THE CLIFF INTO A SUPER "SOUNDING BOARD"!



PRESENTLY, **SUPERMAN** BRINGS THE OPERA STAR TO SING HER FAVORITE ARIA...

IT WILL TAKE CENTURIES BEFORE THE ECHOES FINALLY DIE OUT!



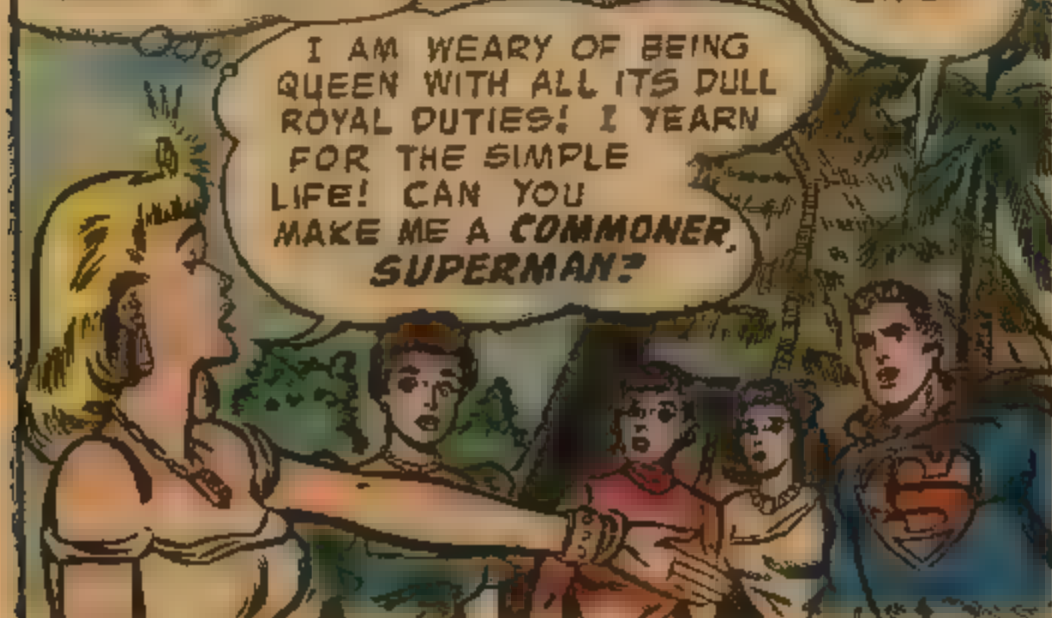
YOU DID IT, **SUPERMAN**! YOU MADE MY VOICE IMMORTAL BEYOND MY LIFETIME!

BUT WITH ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE SUPER SORORITY ELIMINATED, SUPERMAN FACES HIS GREATEST HURDLE!

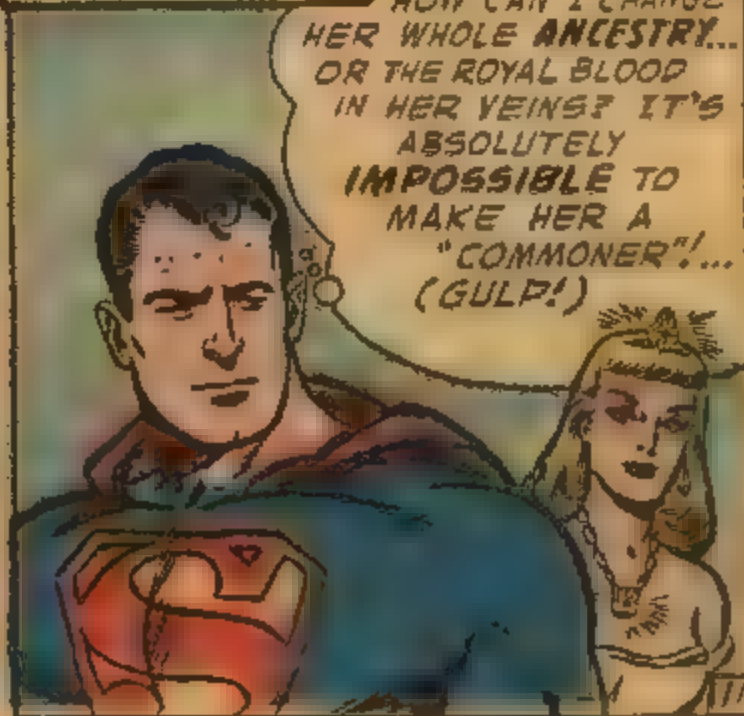
IT'S MY TURN NOW! HE WILL FAIL MY TASK!

GOOD GRIEF!

I AM WEARY OF BEING QUEEN WITH ALL ITS DULL ROYAL DUTIES! I YEARN FOR THE SIMPLE LIFE! CAN YOU MAKE ME A **COMMONER**, **SUPERMAN**?

**HAS THE SCHEMING QUEEN OF THE AMAZONS WON?**

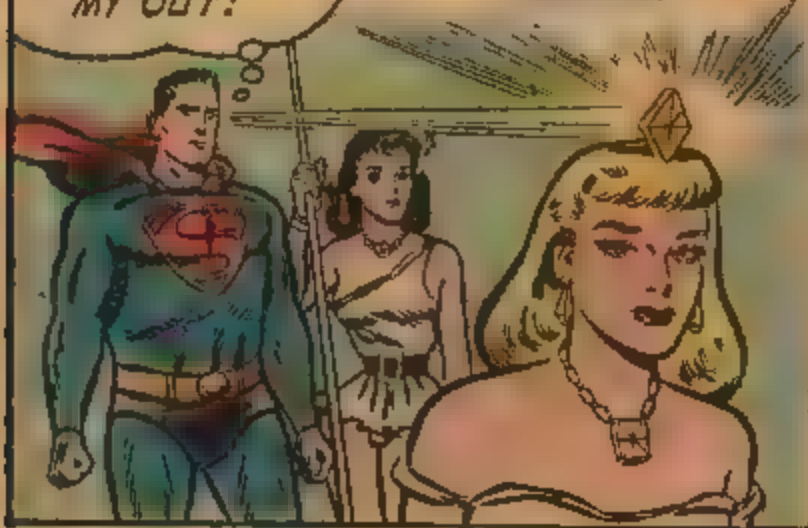
HOW CAN I CHANGE HER WHOLE **ANCESTRY**... OR THE ROYAL BLOOD IN HER VEINS? IT'S **ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE** TO MAKE HER A "**COMMONER**"!... (GULP!)



BUT SUPERMAN'S MICROSCOPIC VISION REVEALS A TINY INSCRIPTION ON THE ROYAL CROWN...

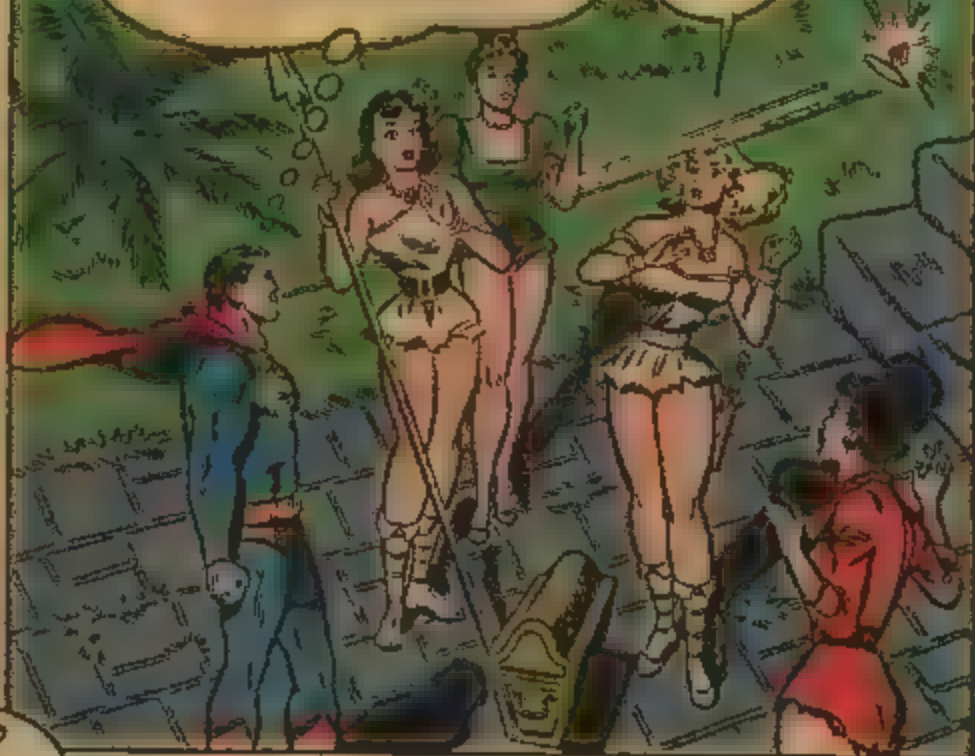
AHI THAT ANCIENT AMAZON DECREE IS MY OUT!

AMAZON LAW: IF CROWN IS LOST--OR DESTROYED, THE REIGNING QUEEN LOSES HER ROYALTY!



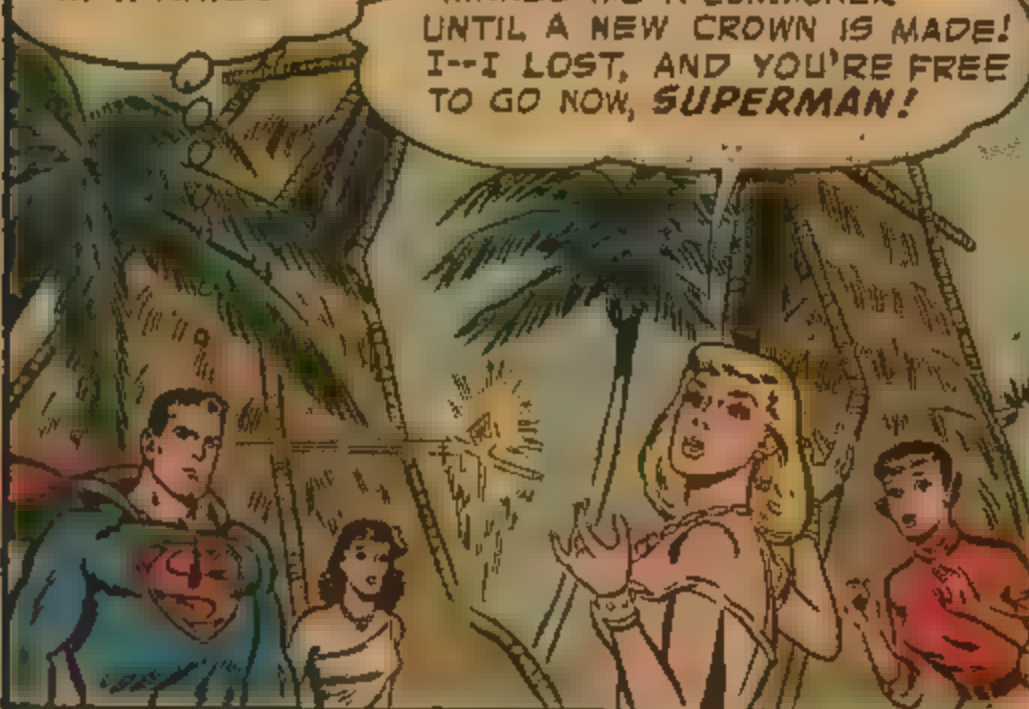
FIRST, I'LL BLOW HER CROWN OFF WITH MY SUPER-BREATH!

OH!



...THEN MELT IT WITH THE HEAT OF MY X-RAYS!

OH! YOU DISCOVERED THE ANCIENT LAW! THIS MAKES ME A COMMONER UNTIL A NEW CROWN IS MADE! I--I LOST, AND YOU'RE FREE TO GO NOW, SUPERMAN!



BUT SUPERMAN HAS STILL NOT SOLVED THE MYSTERY OF AMAZON ISLAND...

I STEN, LOIS! HELP ME FIND THE ANTIDOTE I WANT! YOU SEE, THOSE KRYPTONITE CHAINS DIDN'T WEAKEN ME BEFORE!

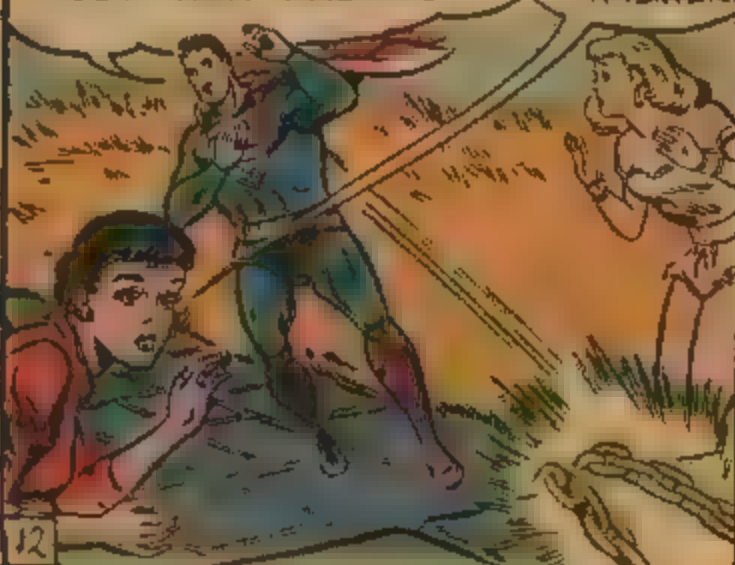
OH, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, SUPERMAN! SHOW ME!



TO SUPERMAN'S SURPRISE...

UH... WAIT! NOW THE RAYS DO AFFECT ME! IF THERE WAS AN ANTIDOTE AROUND BEFORE, IT'S GONE NOW! BUT WHAT WAS IT?

GOODNESS! THERE'S ONLY ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER!



THE QUEEN'S CROWN, MADE OF A RARE SUBSTANCE, MUST HAVE CONTAINED SOME ELEMENT WHICH NEUTRALIZED THE KRYPTONITE RAYS!

GREAT SCOTT! THE ONLY ANTIDOTE EVER KNOWN FOR KRYPTONITE... AND I MYSELF DESTROYED IT!



LATER, AFTER THE SUPER SORORITY IS SAFELY HOME, AND LOIS LANE IS BACK AT THE OFFICE WITH CLARK (SUPERMAN) KENT...

SUPERMAN FAILED IN MY TASK AND I COULD HAVE MARRIED HIM! WAS I A FOOL TO LET HIM GO, CLARK?

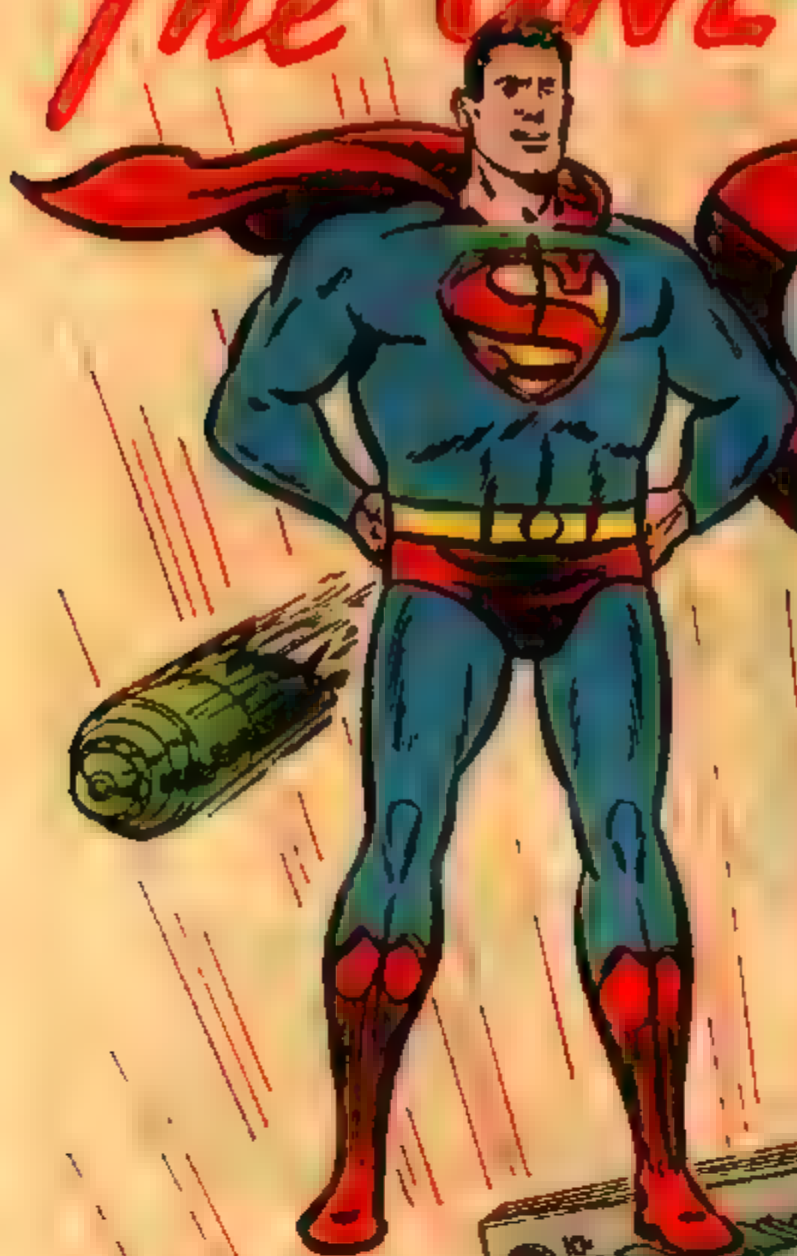
ER...PERHAPS YOU WERE, LOIS!

...LUCKILY FOR ME!



THE END.

The ONE and ONLY

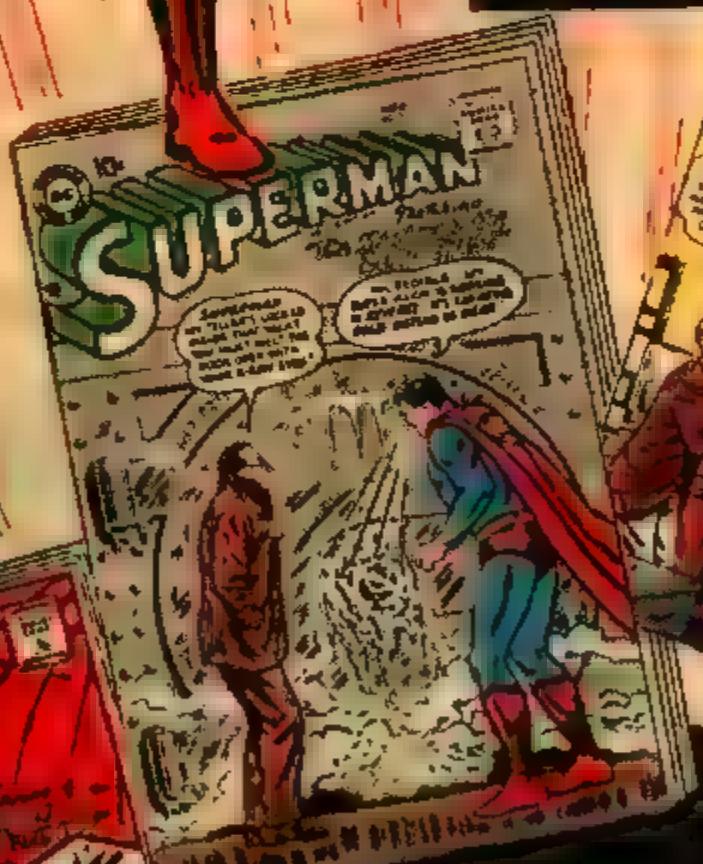


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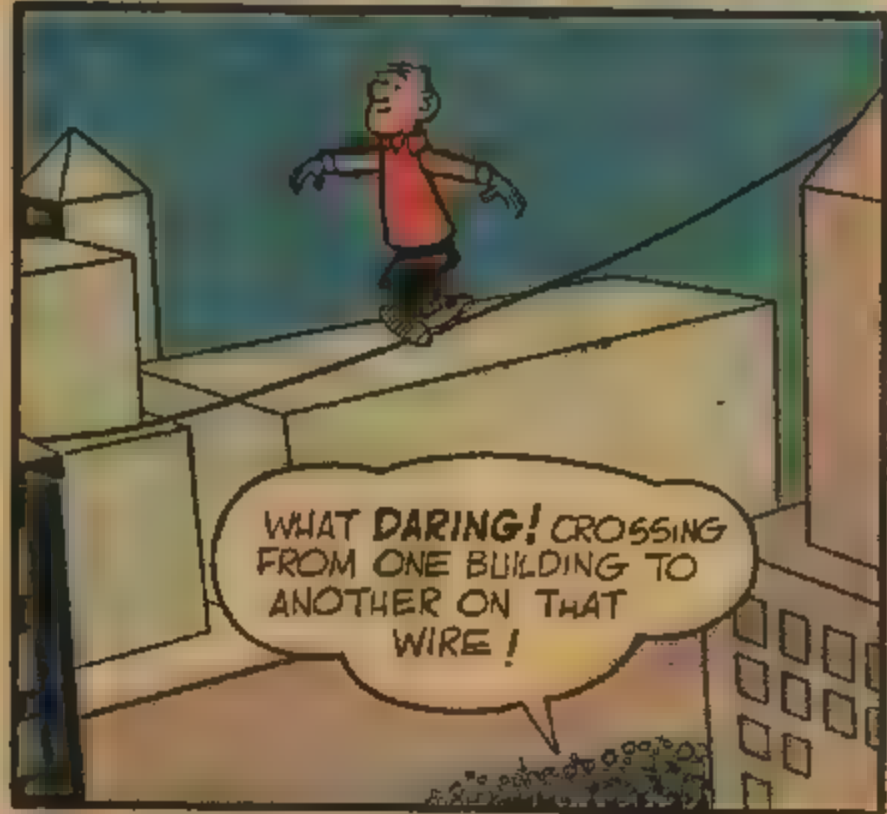


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CLIMB UP THAT
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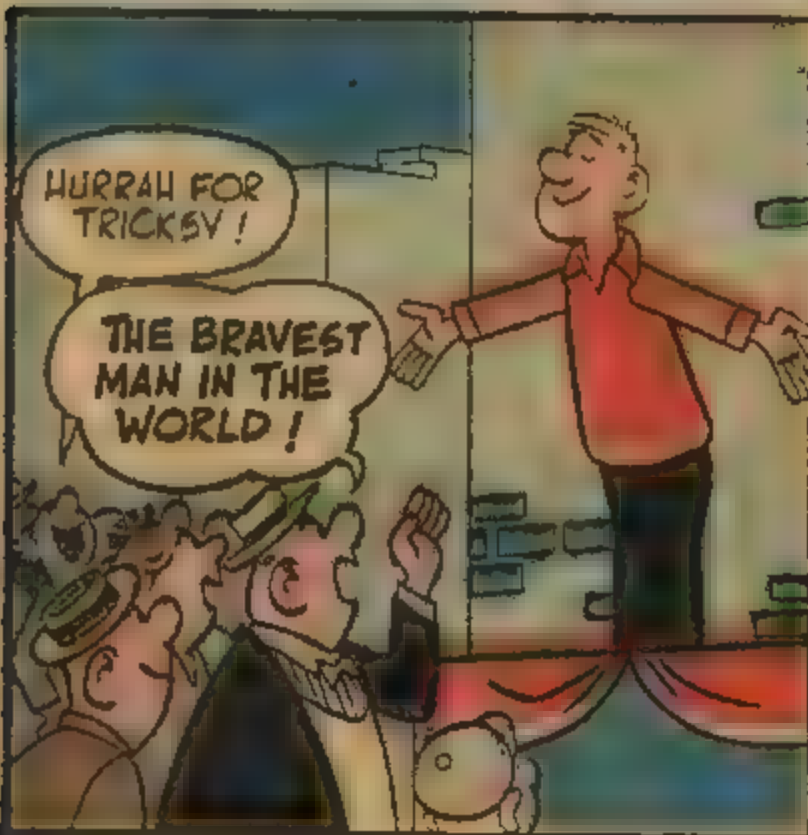
HE'S A
REGULAR
HUMAN-FLY
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HE'S WAY
UP ON THAT
TOWER!



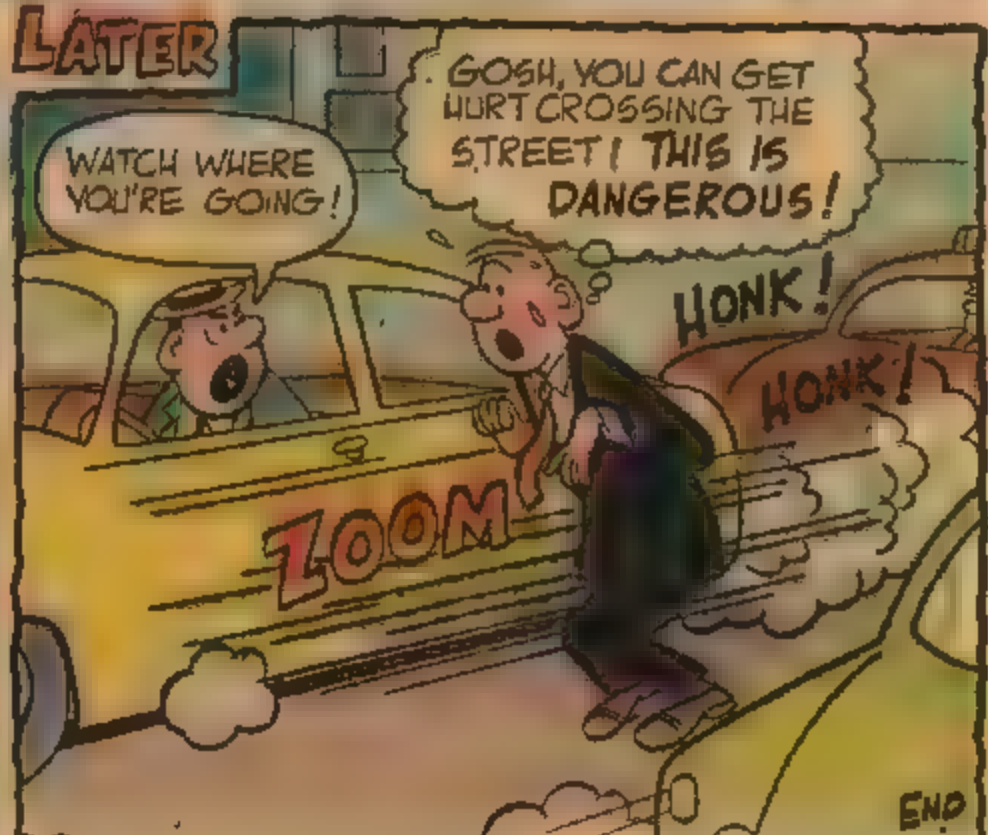
WHAT DARING! CROSSING
FROM ONE BUILDING TO
ANOTHER ON THAT
WIRE!



HURRAH FOR
TRICKSY!

THE BRAVEST
MAN IN THE
WORLD!

LATER



WATCH WHERE
YOU'RE GOING!

GOSH, YOU CAN GET
HURT CROSSING THE
STREET! THIS IS
DANGEROUS!

HONK!

HONK!

ZOOM

END

TEEN Teasers

MY FRIEND TOM HAS TWICE AS MANY SISTERS AS BROTHERS, BUT HIS SISTER HAS AN EQUAL NUMBER OF EACH!

HOW MANY BROTHERS AND SISTERS ARE THERE?

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YOU'RE NEVER **THIS** WHEN YOU'RE AWAKE!

A	L
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E	S

3 WORDS : ASLEEP - PLEASE - ELAPSE!
3 BROTHERS AND 4 SISTERS!

The answers

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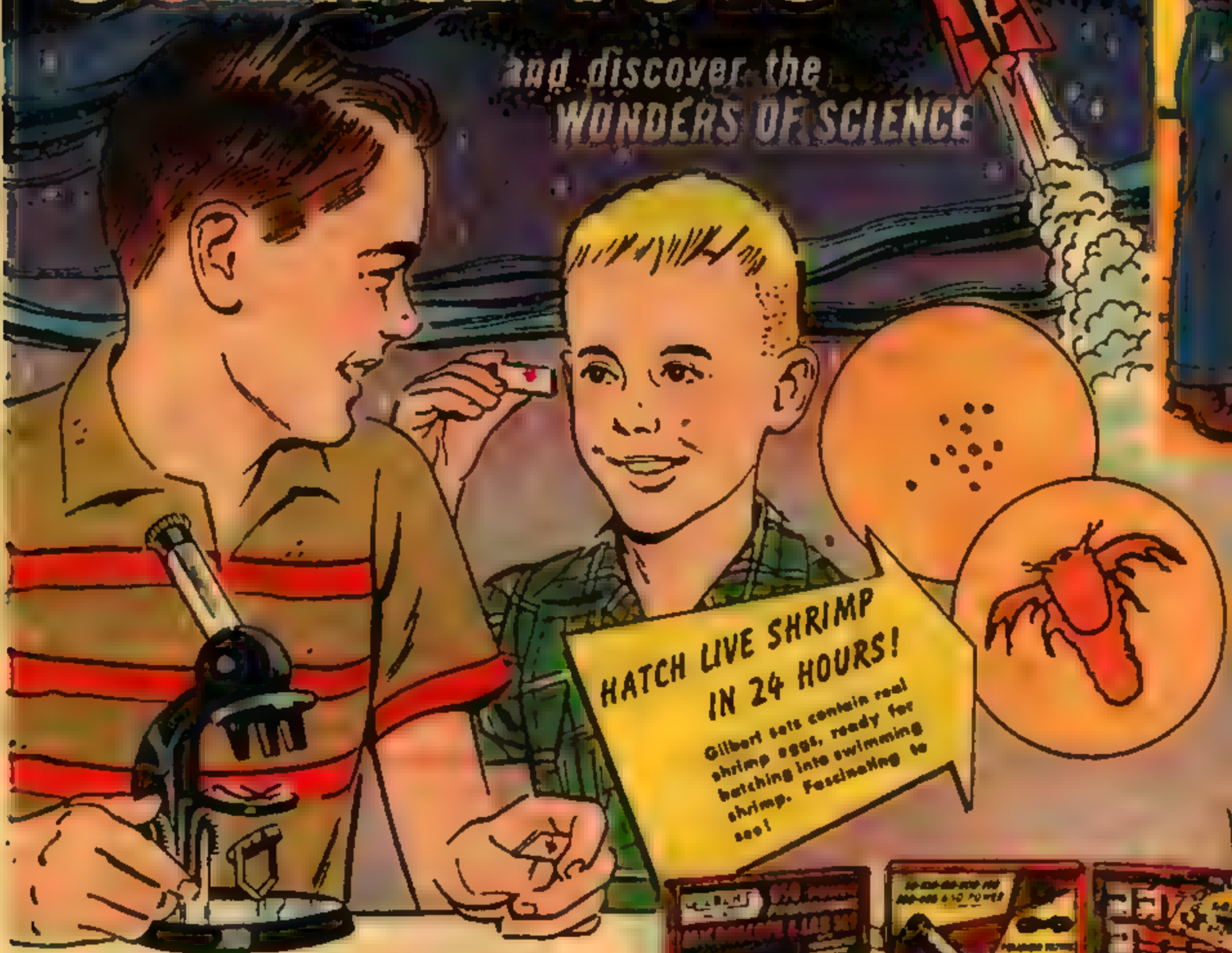
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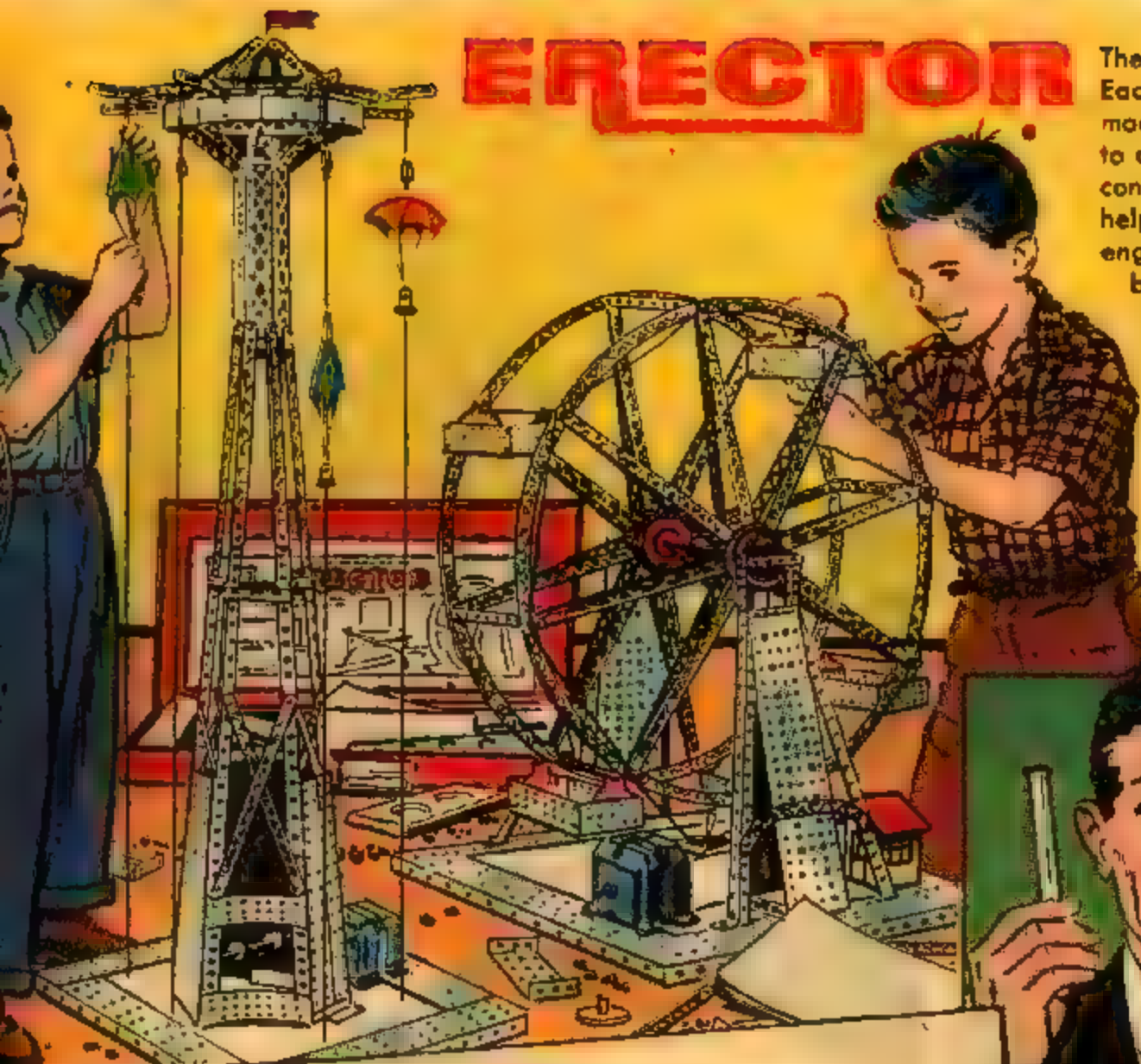


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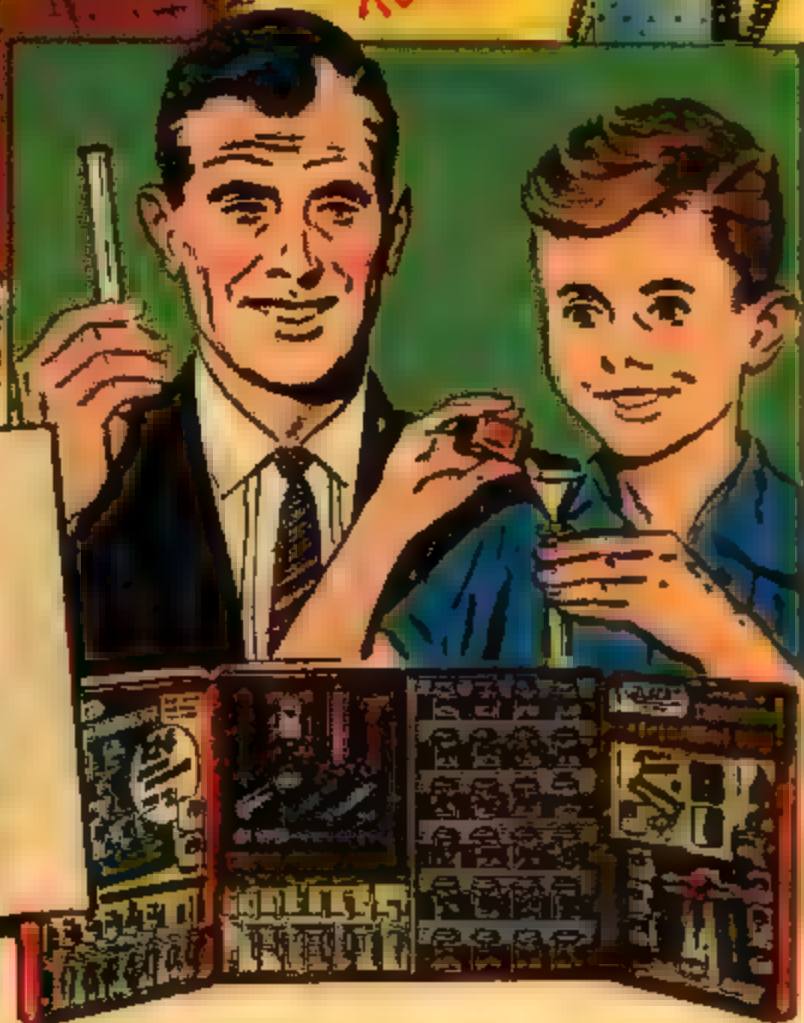
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Tommy TOMORROW

WHEE! WE'RE
ROCKETING AT 5,000
MILES AN HOUR! THIS
IS LIVING, MAN!

THOSE WILD KIDS!
AT THAT SPEED THEY'LL
CRASH INTO SATURN IN
TWO MINUTES!

MET THE HOT-RODDERS OF THE FUTURE
AS THREE YOUNGSTERS COMMANDEER
A SPACESHIP IN THE YEAR 2057 AND
DARE UNKNOWN SPACE PERILS! THEN IT
BECOMES A MISSION FOR COLONEL TOMMY
TOMORROW OF THE PLANETEERS TO
SHOW THE RECKLESS BOYS THAT THERE
IS NO JOY IN -- *The*
**INTERPLANETARY
JOY RIDE**

EVEN IN THE YEAR 2057, BOYS WILL BE BOYS--
SUCH AS THESE THREE YOUNGSTERS WHO ARE
STUDENTS AT THE ASTEROID SCHOOL...

COME ON, JONNY AND HANK!
SCHOOL'S OUT, AND I'VE
GOT A GREAT IDEA HOW
WE CAN HAVE SOME
REAL FUN!

YOU MEAN LIKE
EXPLORING THE
FORBIDDEN
CRATERS,
ROBO?

NAW! MUCH BETTER
THAN THAT! FOLLOW ME
ON YOUR JET BIKES TO
THE SPACEPORT!

SOON...

WE'LL "BORROW" THIS SPACESHIP AND TAKE IT FOR A SPIN! MY FATHER'S A SPACE PILOT AND HE TOLD ME ALL ABOUT THE CONTROLS!

GREAT DIPPER! WE'LL HAVE AN INTERPLANETARY BALL!

SPACE PORT KEEP OUT

SNEAKING INTO A PARKED SHIP, THE FOOL-HARDY KIDS TAKE OFF...

SPACE, HERE WE COME!

STOP, YOU CRAZY KIDS! YOU'LL COLLIDE WITH OTHER SHIPS COMING DOWN!

THE WILD RIDE ALMOST ENDS IN DISASTER!

LOOK OUT, ROBO! YOU JUST MISSED THAT FREIGHTER... (GULP!)

AW, I JUST PRESSED THE WRONG BUTTON! BUT I'M GETTING THE HANG OF IT NOW! WE'LL BE IN OPEN SPACE SOON!

WHEN THE REPORT REACHES PLANETEER HEADQUARTERS...

COLONEL TOMORROW! THREE RECKLESS YOUNGSTERS TOOK A JOY RIDE INTO SPACE IN THE **SPACE ARROW!** BRING THEM BACK!

AYE, CHIEF! THOSE BOYS MAY FIND THE SHIP HARD TO HANDLE!

TOMMY IS NOT WRONG, FOR MEANWHILE...

WONDER WHAT THIS BUTTON IS FOR?

LOOK! A DOOR OPENED AND A POWERFUL ROBOT CAME OUT! HE'S GOING TO GRAB ME!

YIPES! IT'S A ROBOT "GUARD" TO HANDLE ANY CROOKS WHO MIGHT INVADE THE SHIP! PRESS THE BUTTON AND MAKE IT LET ME GO!

BUT THE BOY PILOT PRESSES THE WRONG BUTTON AND...

GOLLY MOONS! THAT SQUIRTED A CHEMICAL EXTINGUISHER, IN CASE THERE'S A FIRE IN THE SHIP!... (GLUB!)

ANOTHER BUTTON PUNCHED IN ERROR IS EVEN MORE TROUBLESOME!

OH, NO! THAT GAVE OFF LUMINOUS SMOKE AS A DISTRESS SIGNAL... BUT IT'S FILLING SPACE LIKE A FOG! TURN IT OFF OR WE'LL CRASH INTO METEORS WE CAN'T SEE!

BUT WHEN TOMMY TOMORROW CATCHES UP, THE BOYS HAVE MASTERED THE BUTTONS AND ENGAGE IN MISCHIEF!

WE USED OUR FLAME-RAY, WHICH DEPOSITS SOOT! PRETTY GOOD, EH?

GREAT STARS! THEY PAINTED A **MUSTACHE** ON THAT CARVED FACE OF A FAMOUS SPACE EXPLORER!

STERNLY, THE INTERPLANETARY AGENT SIGNALS THE MADCAP BOYS, BUT...

HALT! YOU YOUNGSTERS MAY CAUSE SERIOUS TROUBLE! TURN BACK, BY ORDER OF THE **PLANETEERS!**

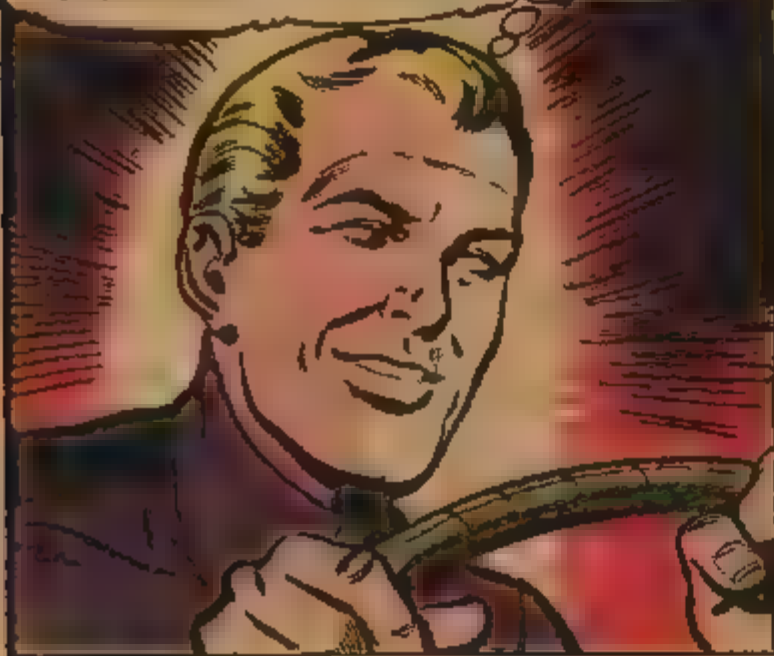
GO CHASE AROUND THE RINGS OF SATURN! WE'RE HAVING TOO MUCH FUN!

THEN, VIA SPACE TV, TOMMY TRANSMITS A WARNING...

I CAN'T WASTE TIME CHASING YOU YOUNGSTERS! I HAVE AN IMPORTANT MISSION TO PERFORM! AND DON'T TRY AND FOLLOW ME-- I'LL BE MEETING HAZARDS ONLY AN EXPERT SPACEMAN CAN HANDLE!

HEY, FELLOWS! LET'S FOLLOW HIM FOR **REAL** THRILLS! IT'LL BE LIKE A GAME OF **FOLLOW-THE-LEADER!** OH, BOY!

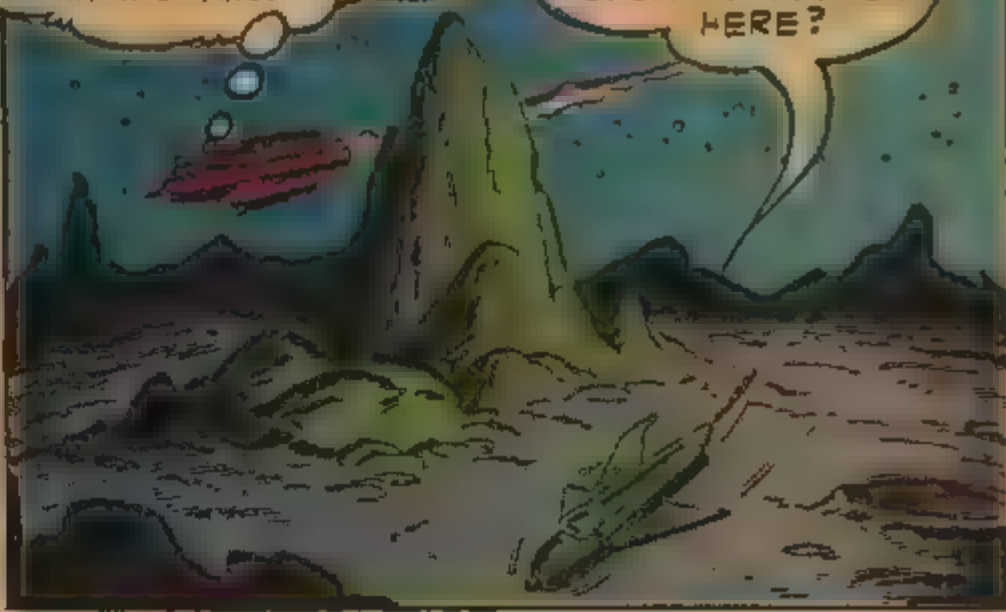
HA! I KNEW THEY'D SWALLOW MY "BAIT" AND TAKE THE DARE! IF MY SCHEME WORKS, THIS GAME OF "FOLLOW-THE-LEADER" WILL MAKE THEM **GLAD** TO GO BACK TO EARTH!



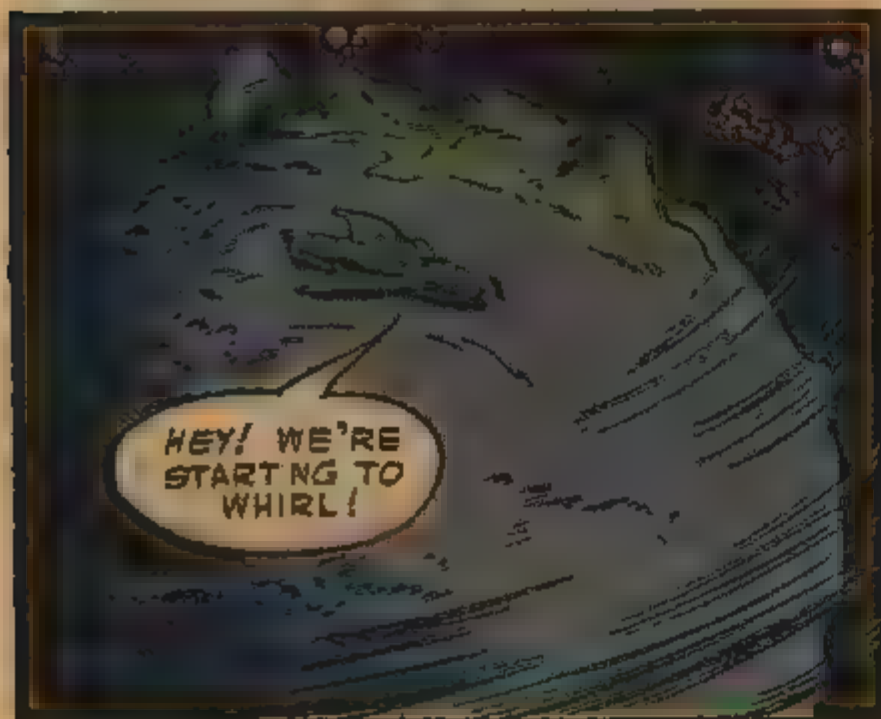
AN HOUR LATER, PAST "SPACEMAN'S BEND," TOMMY BEGINS HIS PLAN...

I'LL FAKE LANDING ON THIS DESERT ASTEROID-- BUT I'LL REALLY STAY IN MID-AIR!

WE'LL LAND, TOO! BUT THIS PLACE LOOKS TAME! HOW CAN ANYTHING EXCITING HAPPEN HERE?



THEIR ANSWER COMES SHORTLY, AS AN AMAZING PHENOMENON OCCURS!



HEY! WE'RE STARTING TO WHIRL!

I ZOOMED UP WITHOUT LANDING! EVERY HOUR, DUE TO SOME QUIRK OF ITS ORBIT, THAT ASTEROID'S ROTATION SUDDENLY SPEEDS UP! IT BECOMES THE **MERRY-GO-ROUND WORLD!**



TRAPPED ON THE SURFACE OF THE ASTEROID, THE YOUNGSTERS HARDLY ENJOY THEIR SPINNING RIDE!

OHNNNN! WE-- WE'RE GETTING DIZZY!

I-- I DON'T LIKE MERRY-GO-ROUNDS THIS MUCH... (GROAN!)



AFTER THE SUPER-SPIN STOPS, ALLOWING THEM TO LEAVE...

BUT WE'RE TOUGH! WE CAN TAKE IT! WE'LL STILL FOLLOW TOMMY TOMORROW!

SO THEY'RE STILL TOO STUBBORN TO GIVE UP AND GO HOME, EH? GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GIVE THEM THE WORKS AGAIN!



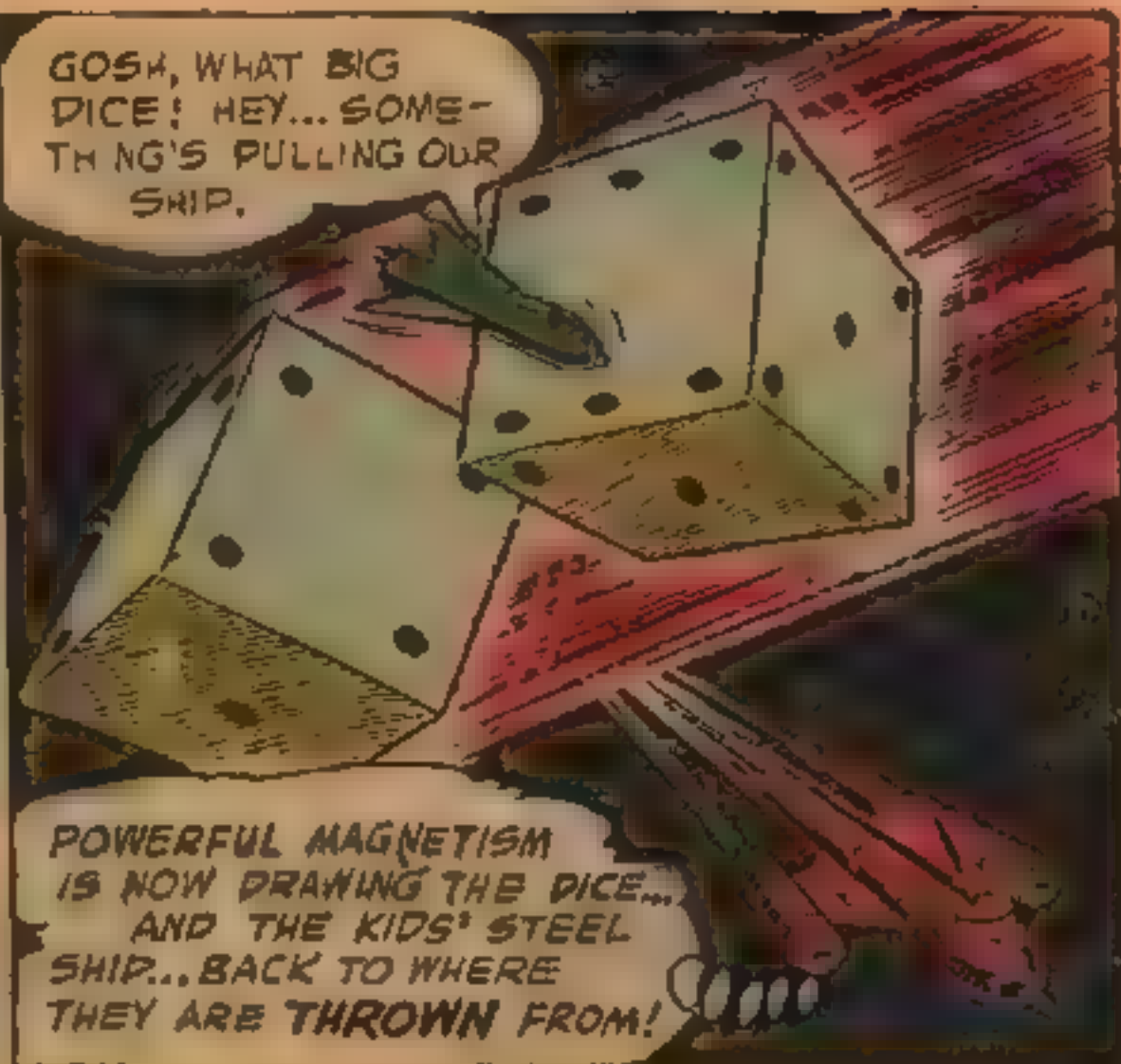
AHEAD LIES AN UNBELIEVABLE SIGHT...

THOSE GIGANTIC DICE ARE PART OF A CLEVER INTER-PLANETARY ADVERTISING STUNT! I'LL LEAD THE KIDS BETWEEN THEM AT JUST THE RIGHT MOMENT!



GOSH, WHAT BIG DICE! HEY... SOMETHING'S PULLING OUR SHIP.

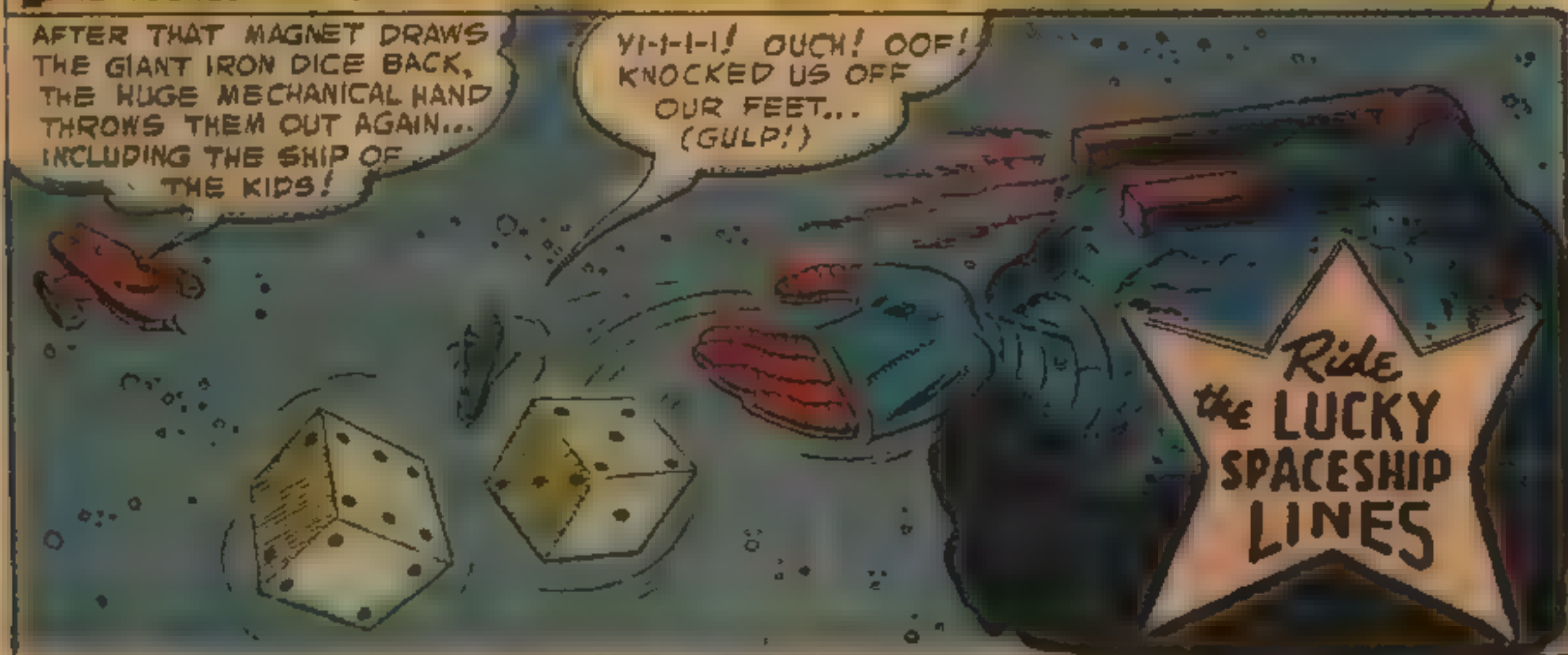
POWERFUL MAGNETISM IS NOW DRAWING THE DICE... AND THE KIDS' STEEL SHIP... BACK TO WHERE THEY ARE THROWN FROM!



THE YOUNGSTERS BECOME AN INVOLUNTARY PART OF THE UNIQUE SPACE ADVERTISEMENT...

AFTER THAT MAGNET DRAWS THE GIANT IRON DICE BACK, THE HUGE MECHANICAL HAND THROWS THEM OUT AGAIN... INCLUDING THE SHIP OF THE KIDS!

YI-I-I-I! OUCH! OOF! KNOCKED US OFF OUR FEET... (GULP!)



BUT RECOVERING FROM THEIR BRUISES, THE RECKLESS YOUNGSTERS ARE STILL INTENT UPON FOLLOWING TOMMY!

WELL, IF THOSE CRAZY KIDS ARE STILL "HOT" ON HAVING SPACE ADVENTURES, I THINK THAT SPACE SNOWMAN WILL COOL THEM OFF!



ORIGINALLY, IT WAS AN ORDINARY SNOWMAN ON EARTH! BUT A SCIENTIST'S SON CARELESSLY USED HIS FATHER'S EXPANDER RAY TO MAKE IT MILES HIGH! THEY HAD TO TOW IT INTO SPACE THEN, TO GET RID OF IT!



THE YOUNGSTERS ARE SEIZED BY AN IMPULSE THEY CAN'T RESIST...

OH, BOY! WE'LL KNOCK OFF THE **SPACE SNOWMAN'S** HAT!



WHEN TOMMY CIRCLES BACK...

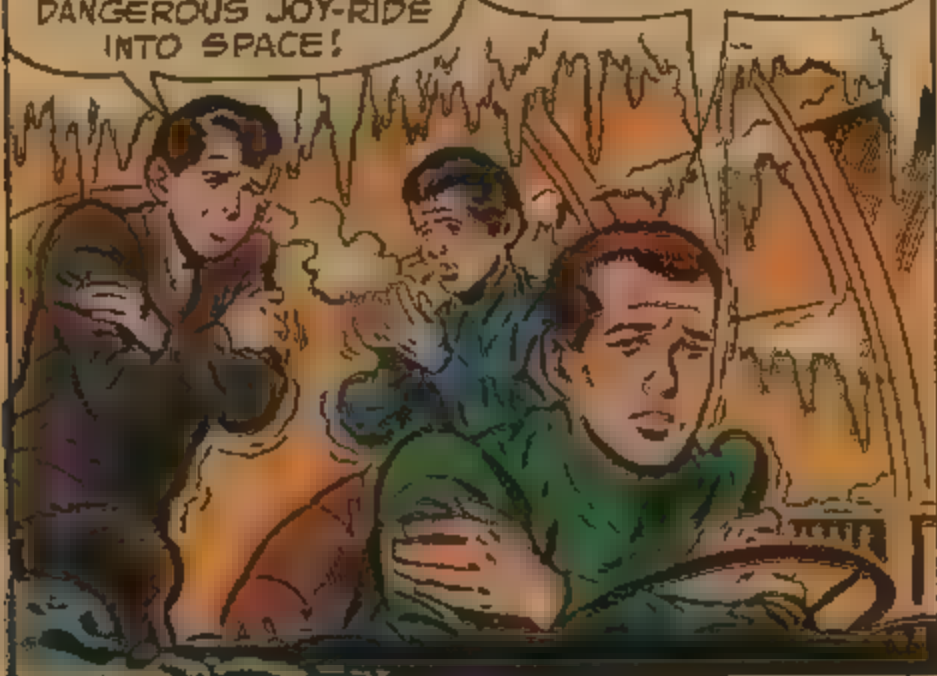
THOSE KIDS DIDN'T TURN IN TIME AND GOT BURIED IN SNOW... WHICH **FROZE THEIR FUEL!**

OUR SHIP'S MOTOR WENT DEAD! WE--WE'RE STUCK HERE...(GULP!)



BRRR... WE'LL FREEZE! NOW I--I WISH WE HADN'T TAKEN THIS DANGEROUS JOY-RIDE INTO SPACE!

TOMMY TOMORROW WON'T RESCUE US! HE WENT ON...(GULP!)



BUT TOMMY IS AROUND AND, AFTER A DELIBERATE DELAY...

BRRR!

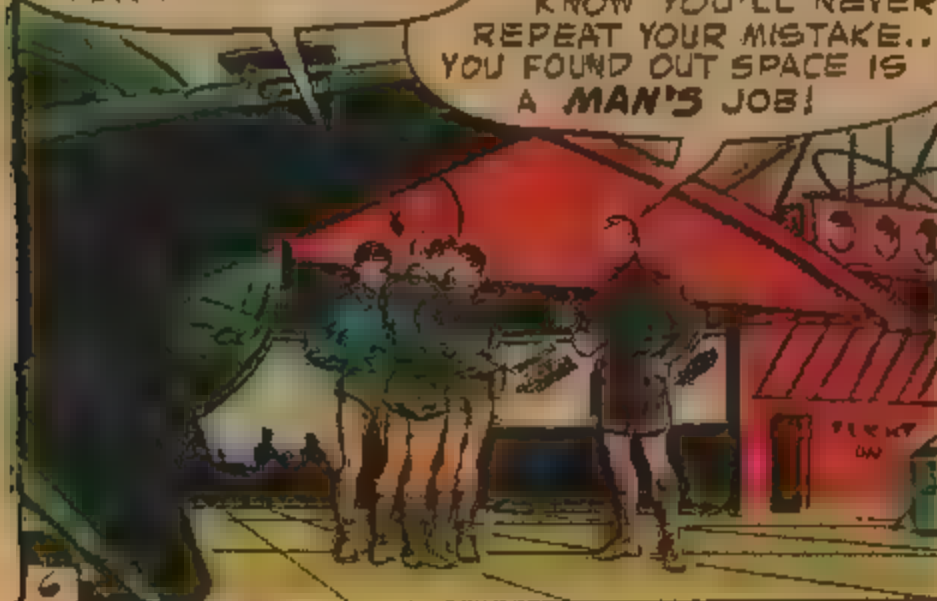
THEY'VE HAD ENOUGH! I THREW AN INDUCTION GRAPPLE AROUND THEIR SHIP WHICH WILL WARM IT UP! NOW TO TOW THEM HOME...SADDER BUT WISER!



BACK ON EARTH...

NOW WE KNOW BETTER, SIR! IT WAS WRONG TO TAKE A SHIP OUT FOR A SPACE LARK!

LUCKILY, YOU DID NO REAL HARM, SO I'LL RECOMMEND ALL CHARGES AGAINST YOU BE DROPPED. I KNOW YOU'LL NEVER REPEAT YOUR MISTAKE... YOU FOUND OUT SPACE IS A **MAN'S** JOB!



WHEN THE BOYS NEXT HAVE LEISURE TIME...

TOMMY TOMORROW SENT US THIS GAME! IT'S ALMOST AS EXCITING AS A REAL SPACE ADVENTURE!

BUT WITHOUT THE DANGER! WE... ER...HAD..ENOUGH OF THAT!



BABE RUTH'S 60th HOME RUN

A COMPARATIVELY small crowd had come out to watch the New York Yankees play the Washington Senators that sunny day back in October, 1927.

Perhaps the smallness of the crowd had something to do with the ragged Yankee playing that day. Even the great Lou Gehrig had made a bad throw, and this was followed by another by the usually efficient Tony Lazzeri.

Or, perhaps it was the brilliant pitching of the Senators' Tom Zachary, who was holding a tight rein on the Yankee powerhouse lineup. Only Babe Ruth had managed to give Zachary some trouble as the tied-up game went into the eighth inning. The Bambino had hit Zachary for two singles, and was given a walk by the opposing hurler.

Two days before, Ruth had electrified the sports world by hitting his 59th homer of the season, a feat he had accomplished six years earlier.

No one had ever hit 60 home-runs in one season, and before the game began that day, Tom Zachary had made his team-mates a promise:

"Maybe the Bambino will hit 60 this year—but he won't hit his 60th off me, I promise you that!"

"What are you going to pitch him?" asked one of his team mates.

"All he's going to see today is the *fade-away*!" warned Tom.

Baseball fans of today may wonder what kind of a pitch the "fadeaway" is. Actually, the pitch is still in use, but it goes by the name of the screwball. A right-handed pitcher hurls the fadeaway or screwball so that the ball breaks in to a right-handed batter, and a southpaw breaks it in to a left-handed hitter. Zachary hoped to break it in and down past the Babe.

For some reason, Zachary used the screwball sparingly during Ruth's first three times at bat. The Bambino's two singles were not hard-hit line drives, and the consensus of

opinion was that Zachary had the King of Swat pretty much under control.

The game was a hard-fought one. The Senators' big inning came in the fourth frame, when Goslin, Ruel and Bluege bunched three hits for two runs.

The Yankees needed two separate innings to tally their two runs. In the fourth, Ruth punched out a single, then went to third when Lou Gehrig slammed a single to right center. On the throw to third, Gehrig went to second. Ruth came home when Meusel flied out to Goslin. After that, Zachary bore down, and retired the side.

In the sixth, the Yankees tied the score with another run following singles by Ruth, Gehrig and Meusel. Once again Zachary bore down and gave the Yankees no more hits that inning.

The Senators failed to score in their half of the eighth inning, and the Yankees came up to bat. Lazzeri struck out, but the next man up, Koenig, tripled to left.

And then the Babe stepped up to the plate. So far, Zachary had kept the promise he made his team mates—Ruth had not got his 60th homer off him. The hurler meant to keep it that way—and he decided to throw nothing but screwballs.

The historic ball twisted its way toward the plate, starting to break for the outside corner. The Babe kept his eye on the ball all the way. He seemed, first, to take a half-hearted chop, then brought his bat back into position and smacked it solidly.

The ball did not soar high. It stayed low, but on a line. And it hugged the foul line. But would it stay fair, or go foul? The umpire was crouched on the foul line, staring at the vanishing pill. A hush had fallen over the stadium.

"Fair Ball!" came the umpire's shout, and bedlam broke out in the stands.

Babe Ruth had walloped his 60th homer—a feat no ballplayer in baseball had ever before done—or duplicated since then.



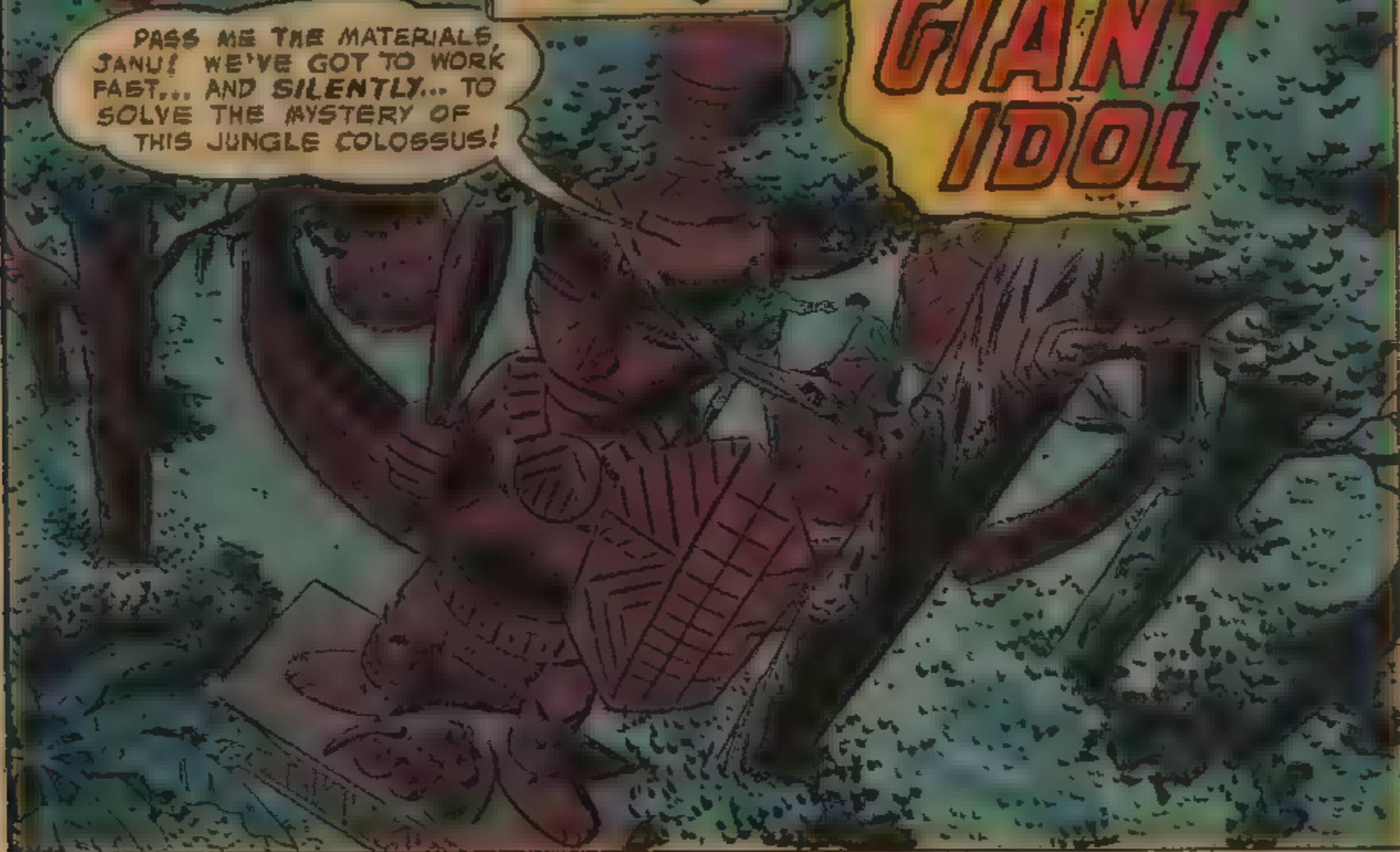
CONGO BILL

with
JANU
The
Jungle Boy

PASS ME THE MATERIALS, JANU! WE'VE GOT TO WORK FAST... AND SILENTLY... TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THIS JUNGLE COLOSSUS!

THE CONGO NATIVES BOWED DOWN BEFORE THE HUGE IDOL AS IF THEIR LIVES AND DESTINIES DEPENDED UPON IT! WHY? WHAT STRANGE POWER DID THE MAMMOTH STATUE WIELD OVER THE AFRICAN VILLAGES? CONGO BILL, INTREPID HUNTER, BRAVES THE UNKNOWN TO LEARN...

The SECRET OF THE GIANT IDOL



ONE RAINY DAY, AT A POLICE OUTPOST IN THE TROPICS...

WE'D BE GRATEFUL, CONGO BILL, IF YOU AND YOUR FRIEND JANU WILL DISTRIBUTE THESE WANTED POSTERS WHEREVER YOU GO!

OF COURSE, CAPTAIN! WE'VE BEEN TRAILING "JUNGLE" JASPER FOR WEEKS!

THE ROGUE KNOWS WE'RE AFTER HIM AND HAS SET A DOZEN TRAPS FOR US! HIS LAST TRICK THREW US COMPLETELY OFF HIS SCENT!

BUT WE MUST FIND A LEAD, CONGO BILL! I CHECK LHAVO VILLAGE! YOU GO DJUBA VILLAGE! I MEET YOU THERE TONIGHT!



LATER THAT DAY, IN DJUBA TERRITORY...

GREAT SCOTT! THAT GIANT FIGURE...
LOOKING OVER THE TREES! I
WONDER WHAT IT MEANS!

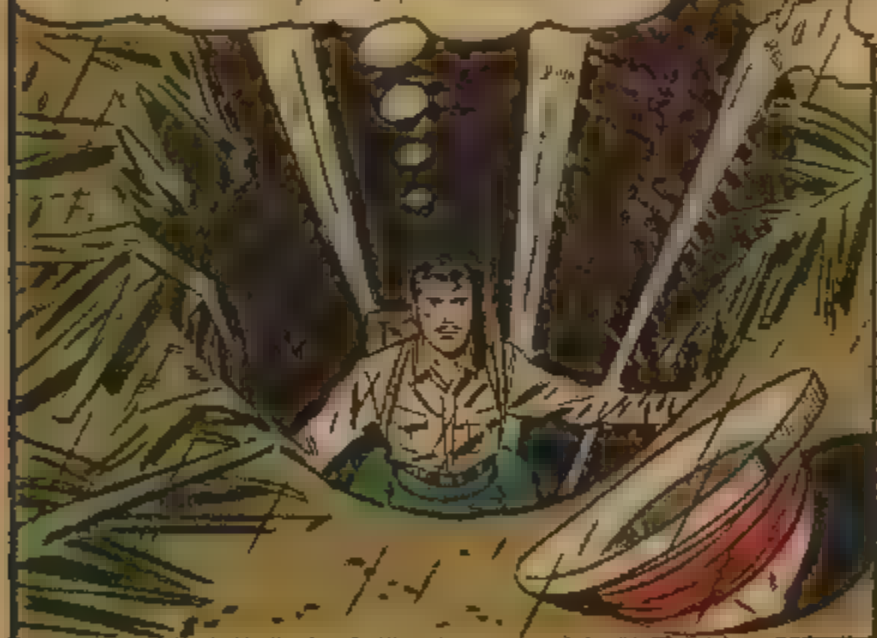


AS CONGO BILL HURRIES FORWARD, THE JUNGLE
PATH SUDDENLY GIVES WAY!

I-I'M FALLING! "JUNGLE" JASPER
HAS SET ANOTHER TRAP FOR ME!



I-I CAN'T CLIMB THESE WET WALLS! IT'S
LIKE BEING TRAPPED AT THE BOTTOM OF
A WELL! WHEN THE HOLE FILLS UP WITH
RAIN-WATER, I'LL DROWN!



IMMEDIATELY CONGO BILL REMEMBERS HIS RIFLE
BY JAMMING MY GUN
BETWEEN THE WALLS,
IT BECOMES A
CHINNING BAR!
I CAN PULL MYSELF
UPWARD!



SPREADING HIS LEGS, MOUNTAIN-CLIMBER
FASHION, CONGO BILL RAISES HIMSELF
PRECIOUS FEET HIGHER...

NOW I CAN PLACE THE "BAR" STILL
HIGHER! "JUNGLE JASPER" HAS
MISSED AGAIN WITH HIS
CUNNING SNARES!



FINALLY... JANU SHOULD BE AT THE DJUBA
VILLAGE NOW! I WONDER WHAT
HE MAKES OF THAT GIANT
FIGURE?





AT SUNDOWN, AT THE DJUBA VILLAGE...

CONGO BILL! I ARRIVE FIRST!
I HANG UP WANTED POSTERS!
I ASK ABOUT JUNGLE JASPER!
NO ONE SEE HIM! BUT LOOK
AT GIANT STATUE!
WHAT IS IT?

I'LL ASK
THIS
DJUBA
CHIEF!

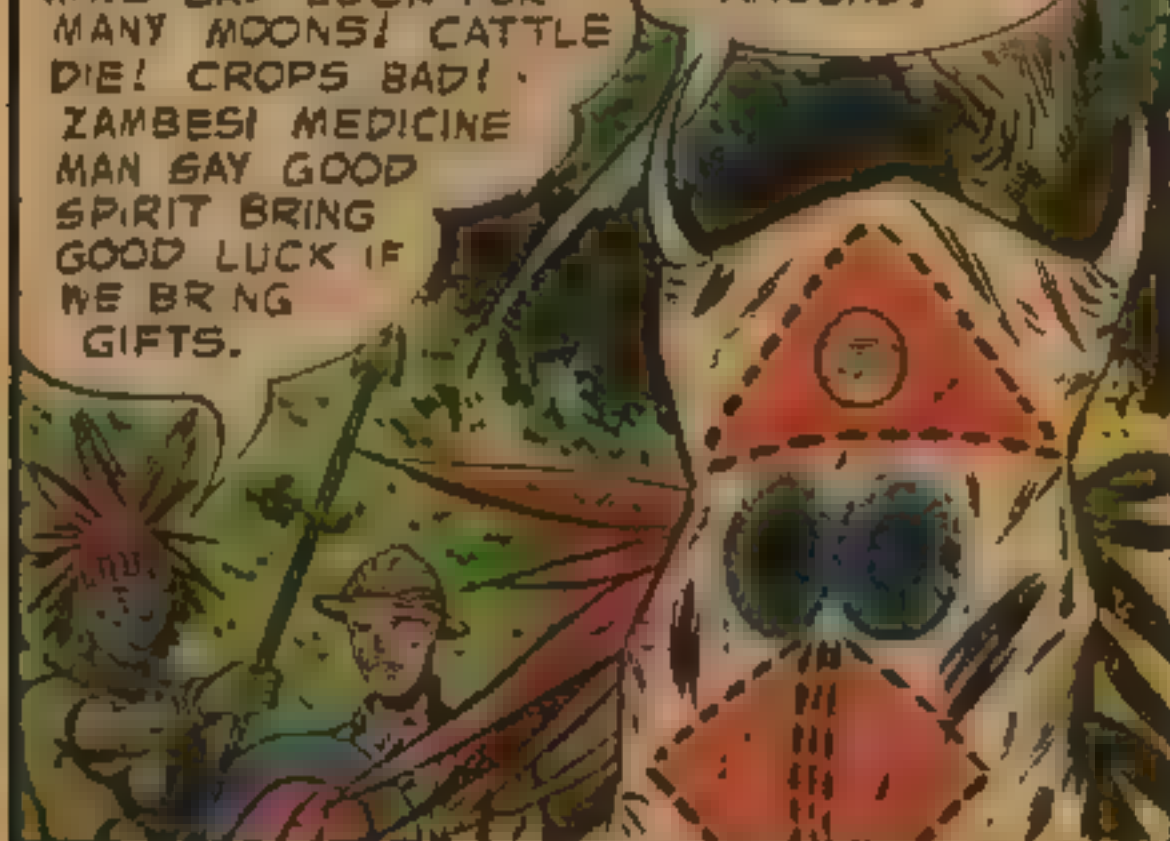
YES, CONGO BILL! THIS IS
STATUE OF GOOD SPIRIT!
TRIBE BRING GIFTS... PUT
VALUABLES ON PEDESTAL!
DURING NIGHT, GOOD
SPIRIT COME! MAKE
GIFTS VANISH!

CHIEF, WHO
BUILT THIS
STATUE?



MEDICINE MAN FROM
ZAMBESI TRIBE BUILT
STATUE! MY TRIBE
HAVE BAD LUCK FOR
MANY MOONS! CATTLE
DIE! CROPS BAD!
ZAMBESI MEDICINE
MAN SAY GOOD
SPIRIT BRING
GOOD LUCK IF
WE BRNG
GIFTS.

BUT THE GIFTS
VANISH AT NIGHT,
EH? I'LL HANG
AROUND!



THAT NIGHT...

MY WARRIORS SURROUND GOOD
SPIRIT! NO THIEF CAN APPROACH
STATUE! YET GIFTS VANISH!
CONGO BILL, WATCH AND
SEE FOR YOURSELF!



HOURS LATER, AS JANU ASTONISHEDLY
MOVES FORWARD...

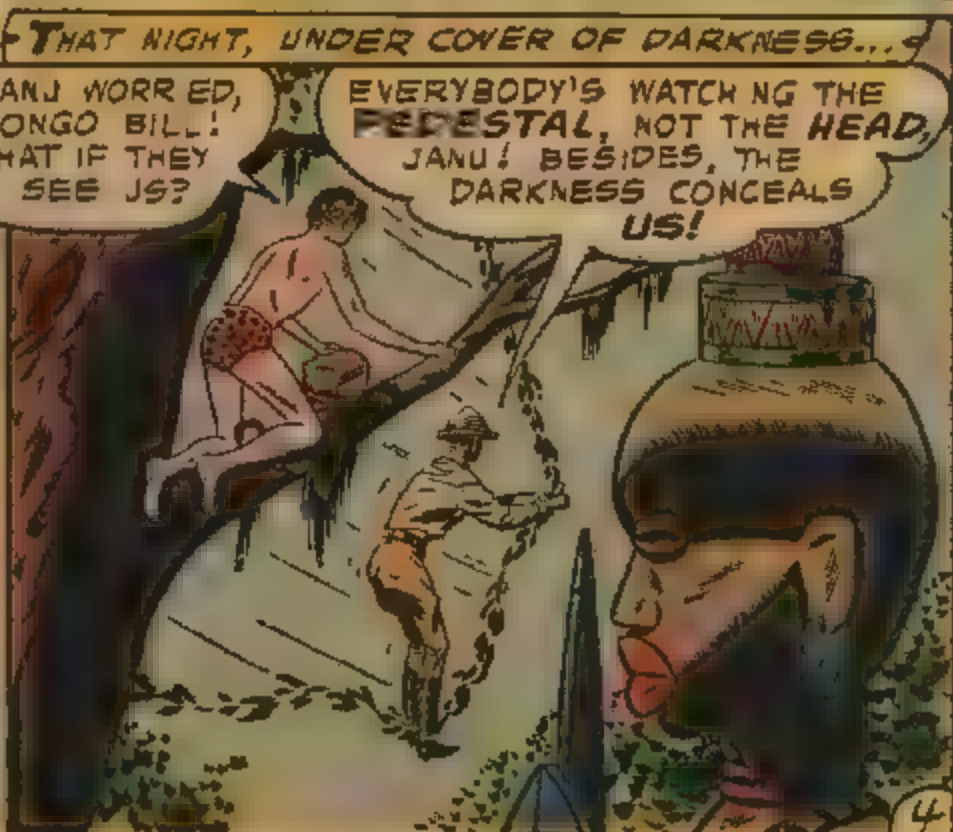
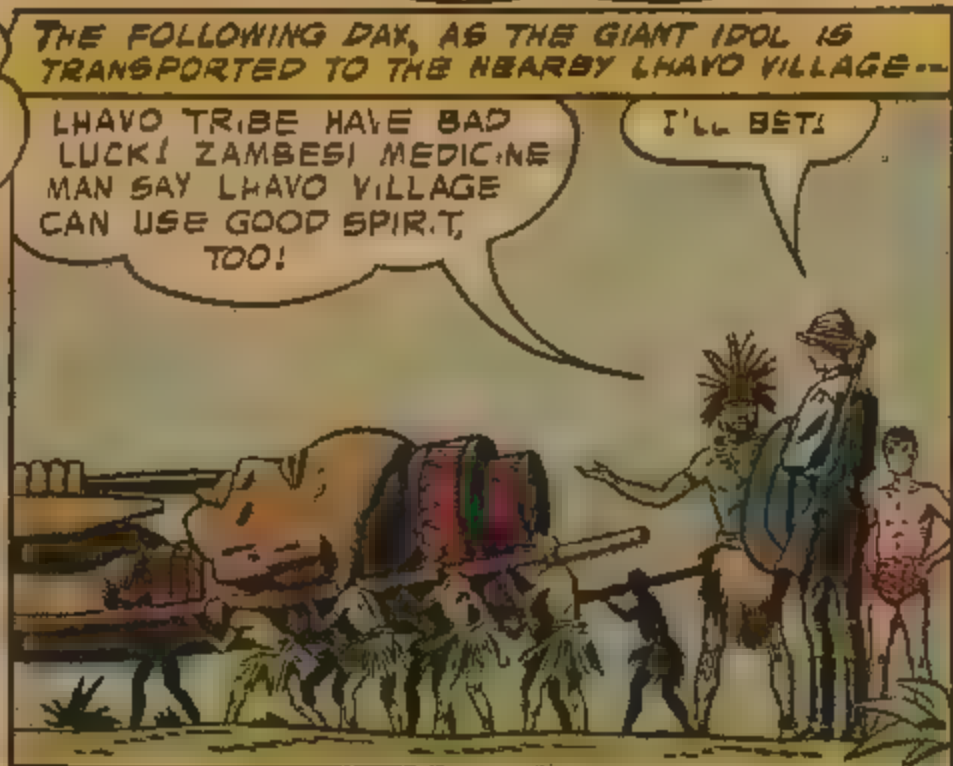
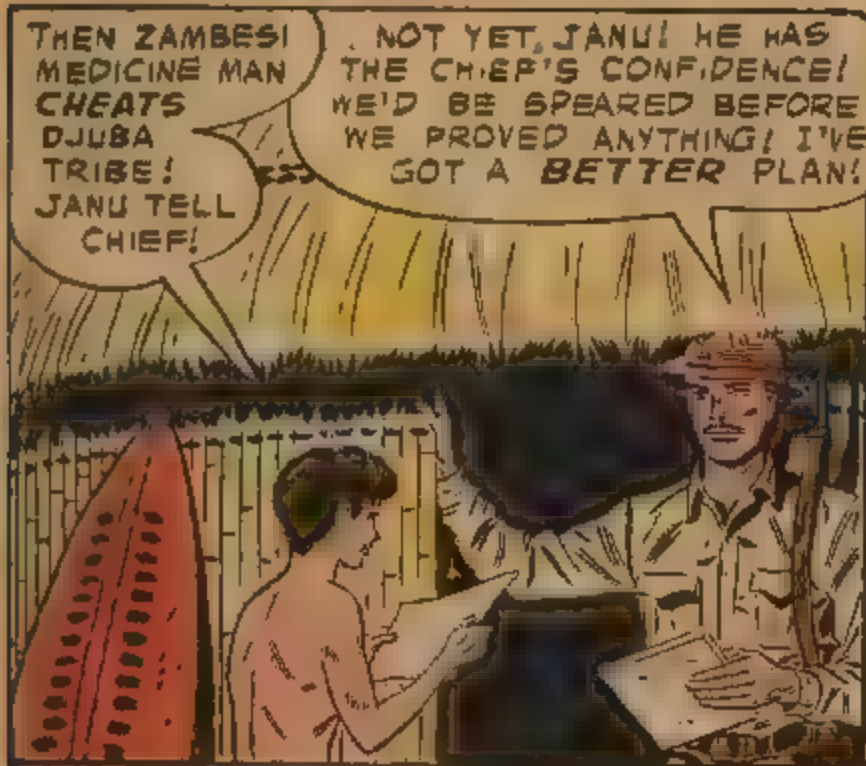
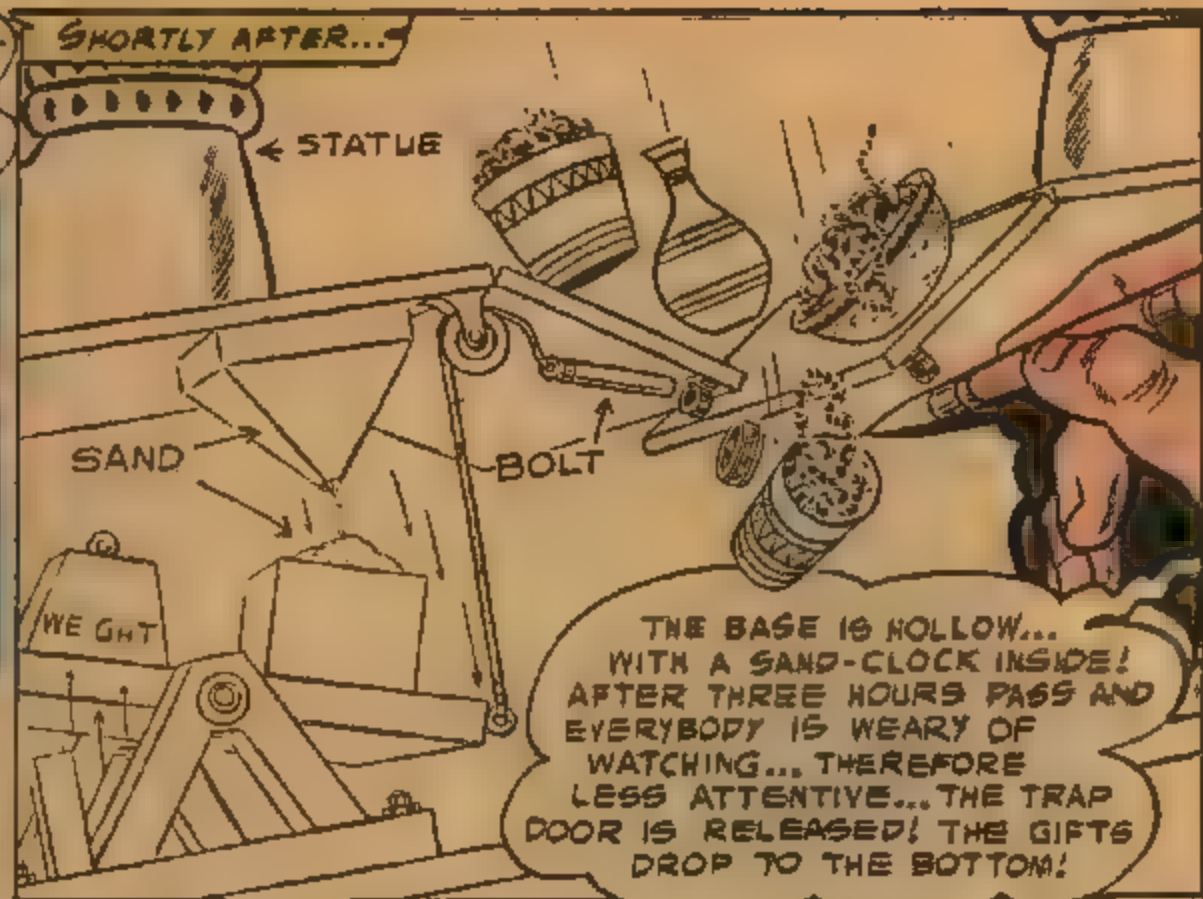
CONGO BILL! CHIEF
SPOKE TRUTH! ALL
GIFT OFFERINGS ON
PEDESTAL VANISH...
BY MAGIC!

YES! INVISIBLE SPIRIT
ALWAYS COME DURING
MOONLESS NIGHT!
MAKE OFFERINGS
DISAPPEAR WHILE
CHIEF WATCH! THIS
BIG MAGIC!



BIG HOAX, HE MEANS! IT'S A TRICK, JANU!
THAT'S WHY THE TRICKSTER ONLY OPERATES
ON A DARK NIGHT WHEN THE AUDIENCE'S
VISION IS WORST!





PASS ME THE MATERIALS, JANU! I'VE GOT TO WORK FAST... AND SILENTLY!

THE NEXT MORNING... YOU SEE? GOOD SPIRIT COME AT NIGHT! TAKE GIFT OFFERINGS AWAY! SOON LMAVO TRIBE HAVE GOOD LUCK!

N-NO! NO GOOD LUCK! DJUBA CHIEF LIE! LOOK.

SUN MELT PAINT ON HEAD! UNDERNEATH IS FACE OF... **BAD SPIRIT!** YOU TRICK US! WE MAKE OFFERINGS TO **BAD SPIRIT!** WE GET **BAD LUCK!**

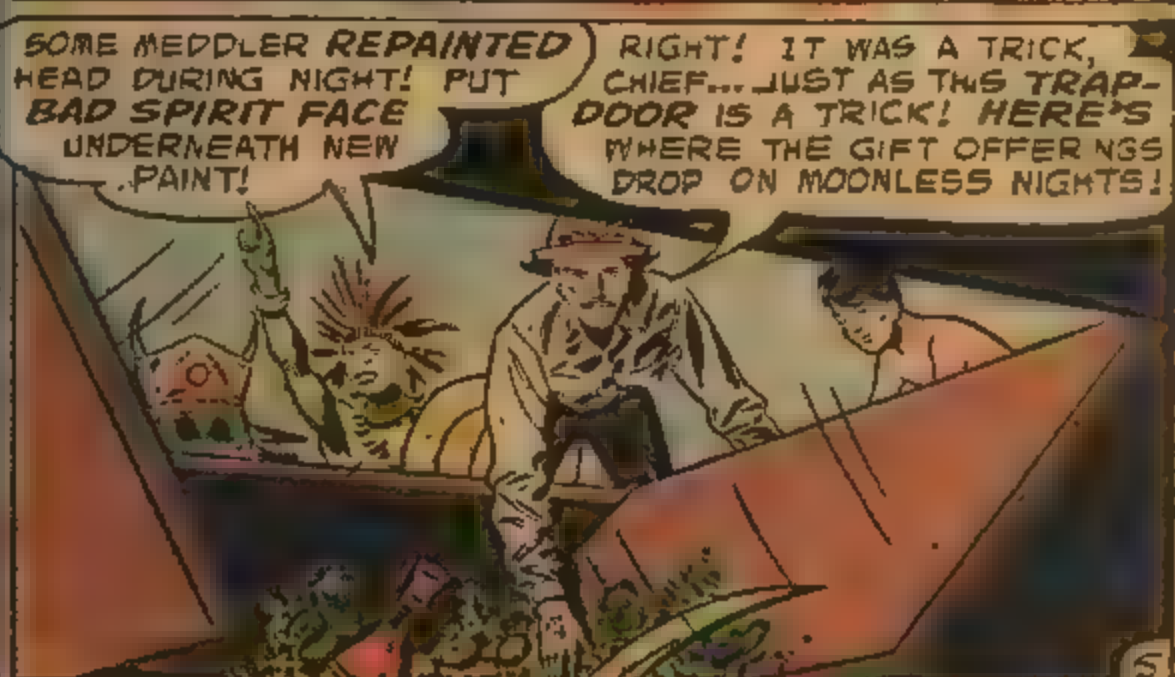
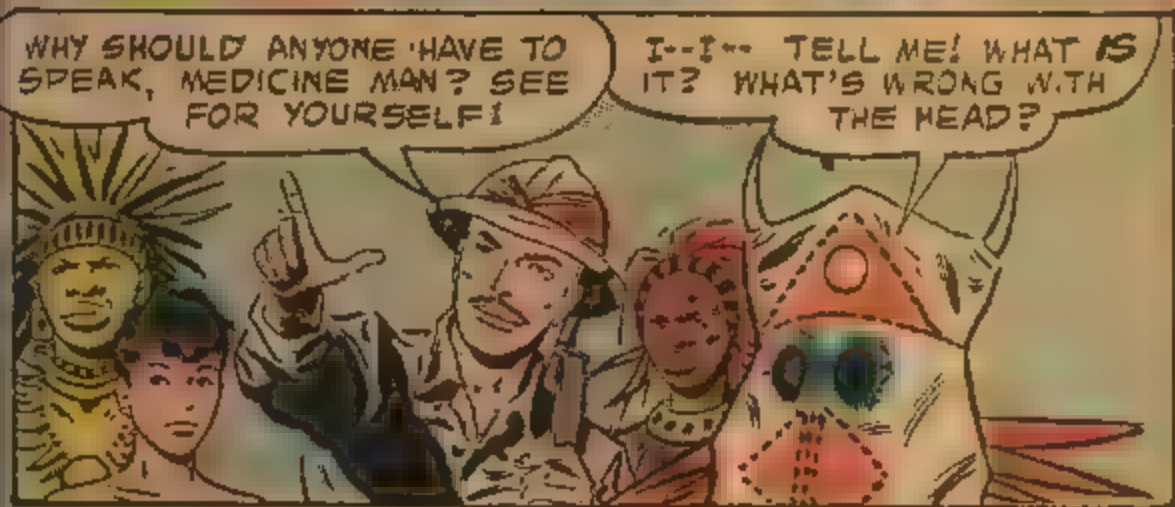
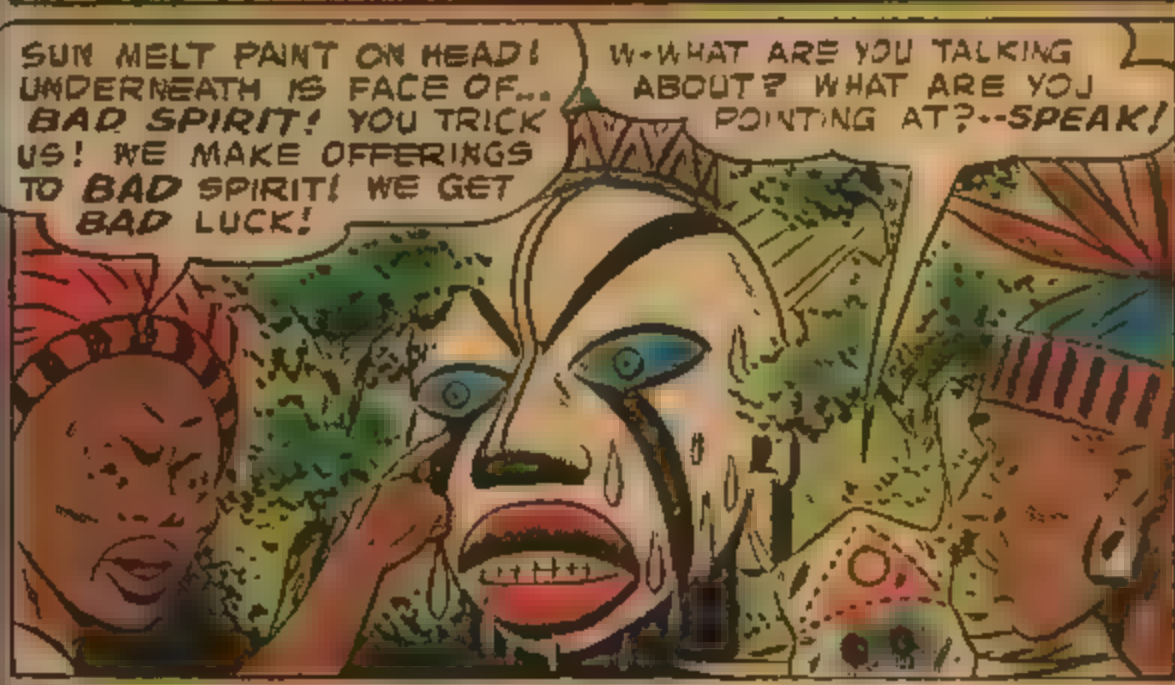
W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHAT ARE YOU POINTING AT?--**SPEAK!**

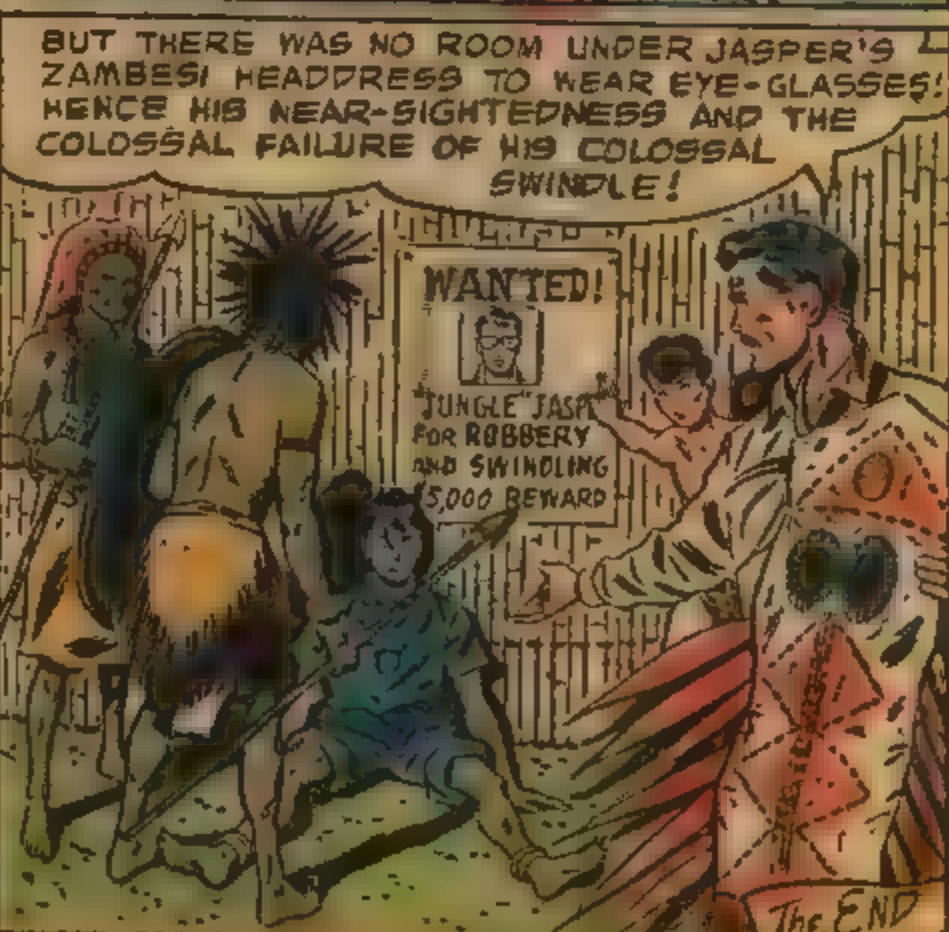
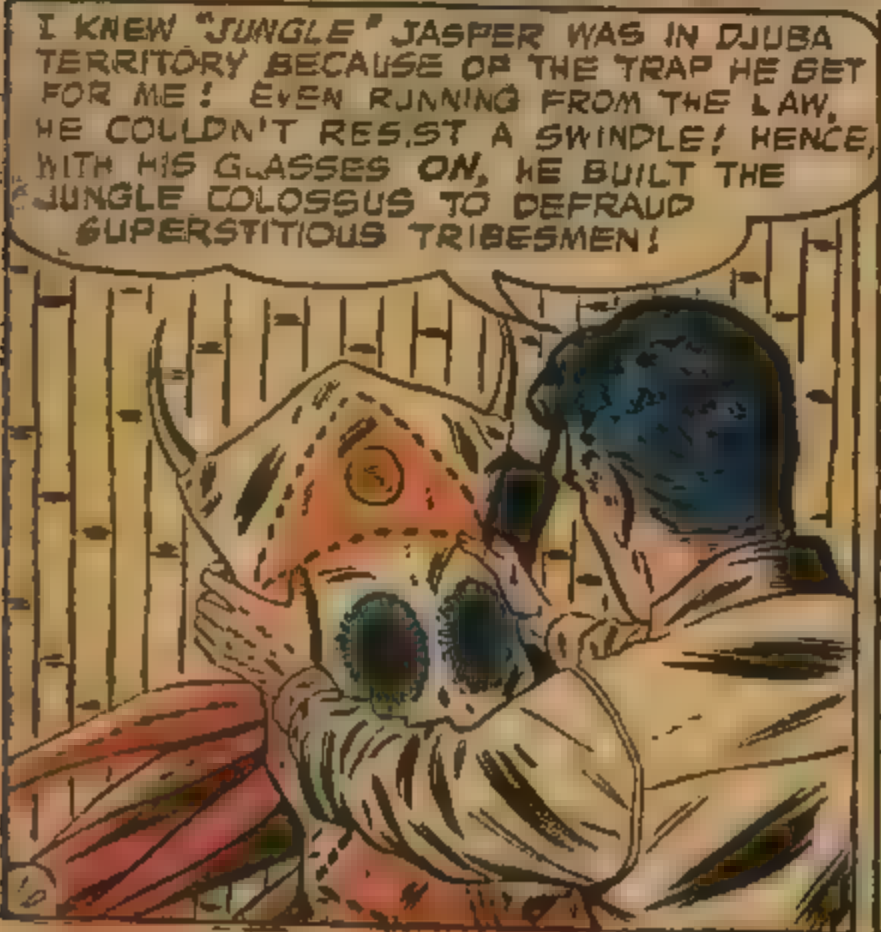
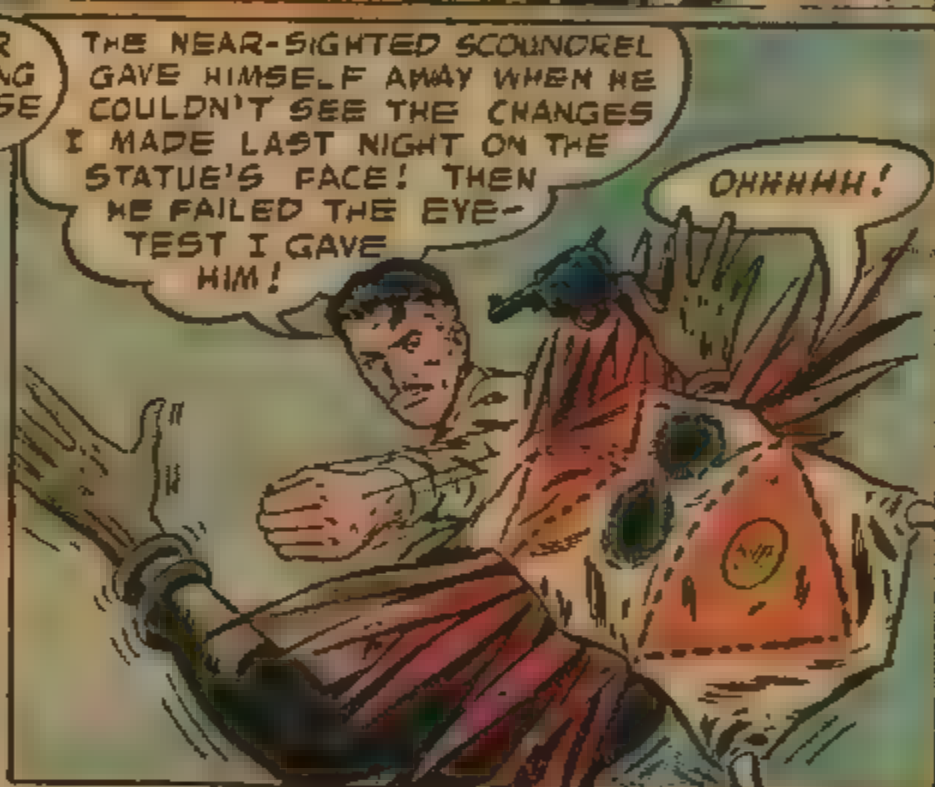
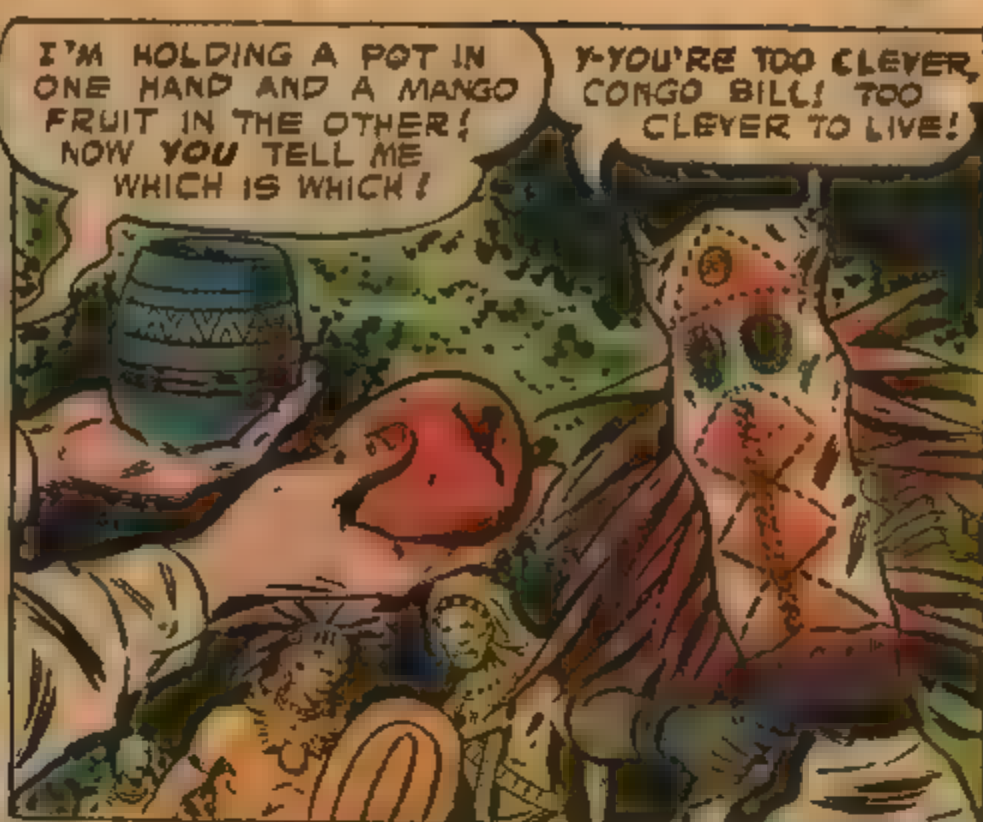
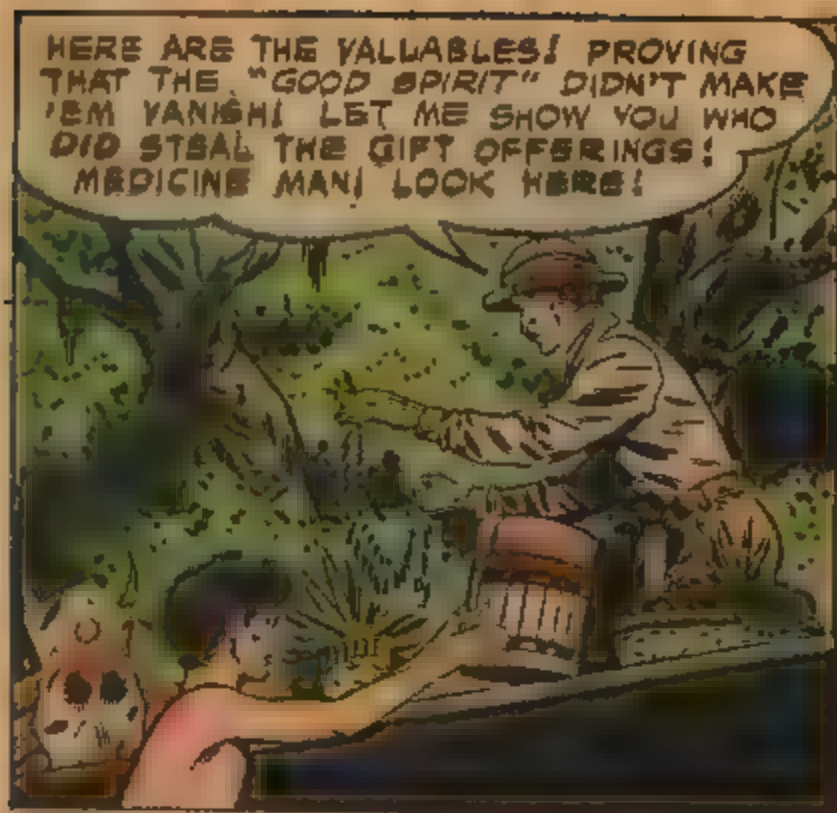
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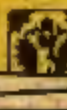
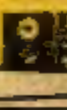
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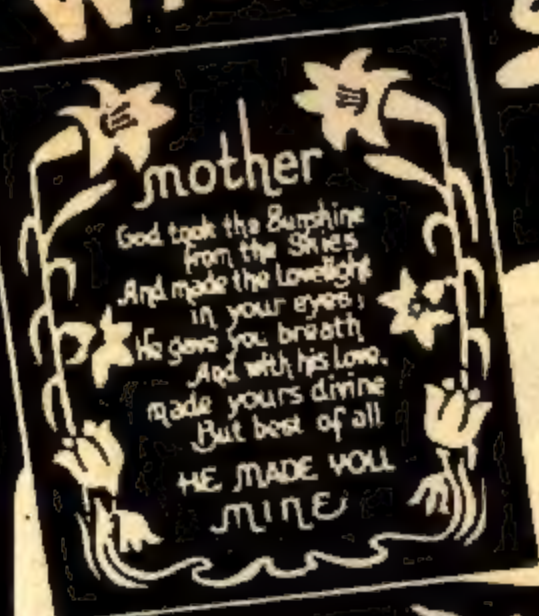
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